Today's Weather: Snow.

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THE WEATHER

Snow.

Snow flurries for today and fair weather for tomorrow are the predictions for Pittsburgh and vicinity by the official weather observer at Washington. The maximum temperature was 37 and the minimum 20 degrees yesterday. The sun rose cloudy at 7:44 and set cloudy at 4:55. The daily report, as furnished by the local weather bureau, follows:

Time.	Baro.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m....	29.07	24	87	S.	Cloudy.
8 p. m....	29.99	32	65	S.W.	Pt. Cldy.

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 18:

	1904	1903		1904	1903
Maximum ..	37	28	Mean	28	24
Minimum ..	20	19	Precipitation .	T.	..
Nor. temp. 31 yrs..	33		Nor. precip. 31 yrs..	.69	
Dfcy. for day.....	5		Dfcy. for day.....	.69	
Dfcy. since Dec. 1	147		Dfcy. since Dec. 1	.94	
Dfcy. since Jan. 1..	633		Dfcy. since Jan. 1..	3.42	

Government Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Forecast: Western Pennsylvania—Snow flurries Monday; colder in north portion; Tuesday, fair; brisk northwest winds.

West Virginia—Fair Monday and Tuesday.

Ohio—Snow flurries and somewhat colder Monday; Tuesday fair; brisk northwest winds.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Chicago ...	34 Cloudy	Cincinnati ..	36 Cloudy
St. Louis...	34 Cloudy	Nashville ..	42 Cloudy
Buffalo	30 Clear	Kansas City .	38 Clear
Memphis ..	46 Cloudy	Washington .	30 Clear
Omaha	30 Cloudy	Jacksonville .	46 Clear
St. Paul....	16 PtCldy	New Orleans.	48 Clear
Huron	14 Clear	Galveston ...	60 Cloudy
Helena	40 Cloudy	Philadelphia .	32 Clear
Salt Lake..	40 Clear	New York...	28 Clear

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ONLY THE OUTER FORTS TAKEN

Stoessel's Dispatches to Czar from Port Arthur So Indicate.

OVER 22,000 KILLED

Russian Commander Tells of Losses of Japanese in Taking 203-Meter Hill.

COMPLIMENTS BRAVE OFFICERS

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—Gen. Stoessel's latest dispatches from Port Arthur were published today, but as given out do not carry the story of the garrison's stubborn defense beyond December 10, thus leaving a gap of at least five days between the official word of the military commander and the unofficial story of Commander Mizzeneoff, which was given out at Chefoo.

The story of the operations shows there has been an almost uninterrupted assault of the most desperate character from November 20 to December 10, when the Japanese, after losing over 22,000 men, captured 203-Meter hill and were able from that position to shell the squadron in the Port Arthur roadstead.

The authorities assert the dispatches show the main line of forts has not yet been broken. The Japanese so far have used every device of engineering skill in making approaches, but with enormous sacrifices. It is declared the garrison probably will be able to hold out a considerable time yet.

Contents of the Dispatches.

The first of Gen. Stoessel's dispatches is dated November 25 and is as follows:

"I am happy to inform your majesty that on November 20 after an increased bombardment, the Japanese attacked one of the forts on the northeastern front and leaped with a portion of their forces on the parapet. They were annihilated by rifle fire and the bayonet and thrown back into the trenches. Their reserves were scattered by shrapnel.

"At 5:30 o'clock in the evening of November 23, after heavy firing, the Japanese suddenly hurled themselves against several works on this front and seized a portion of the trenches, but they were thrown back by the reserves after a fierce bayonet struggle. They returned to the assault at midnight and again occupied a part of the trenches, but were annihilated by our bayonets.

"From the 20th to the 24th, the Japanese lost more than 2,000 men. All of our troops behaved as heroes. The following especially distinguished themselves: Gens. Kondratenko, Nikitin (commander of the artillery) and Gorbatowsky, and Lieut.-Col. Nacumenko. (A dozen other officers in lower grades are also mentioned.)

Bombardment Continues Daily.

"Bombardment of the town and harbor continues daily. A number of buildings have been destroyed and the harbor has sustained some damage. The garrisons are in excellent spirits."

In another dispatch, dated November 28, Gen. Stoessel says:

"The 26th and 27th were the bloodiest days in the assaults on Port Arthur. The attacks began on the night of the 25th, against our left flank, near Pigeon bay. The first was repulsed with great loss to the Japanese. The same night the enemy attacked a detachment on Panlung mountain, but were repulsed, as also was their attack on Visokai (203-Meter hill.)

"On the 26th the Japanese began to bombard and attack fiercely the forts on the northeastern front and the advanced trenches. The trenches repeatedly changed hands. Nevertheless, on the night of the 26th, we threw back the Japanese at the point of the bayonet. The enemy succeeded in blowing up the parapet of one of the forts and began building parallels there. At another fort, on the same night, they laid sacks along the rampart, but our artillery dispersed them. Toward 10 o'clock in the evening the Japanese attacked a battery on our left flank in considerable strength and at first obtained possession of a portion of the works, but our heroes brought bayonets into use and the Japanese retired, leaving a heap of their men. Along the whole front the Japanese reopened a violent fire against the interior of the fortress, keeping it up until 5 o'clock on the morning of November 27.

Help Given by God.

"The help which God sent us on the birthday of our mother, the czarina, gave us further victory."

A further dispatch from Gen. Stoessel, dated November 30, says:

"Since November 27 the Japanese have been carrying on a violent bombardment and making incessant assaults in considerable force against Visokaio (203 Meter) hill. Their assaults were repulsed."

On December 12 Gen. Stoessel reports as follows:

"The 12 days' assault, which commenced on November 20, was definitely repulsed last night. The Japanese, according to prisoners and Chinese, lost at least 20,000 men. We request your prayers and those of the mother empresses which are manifestly shielding us."

On December 5 Gen. Stoessel reports:

"At 7 o'clock yesterday morning the Japanese, having concentrated all their forces, began an assault of Visokaio hill, bombarding it simultaneously with 11-inch and 16-inch shells. A fierce fight raged all day. We repelled three assaults. Toward evening the Japanese succeeded in obtaining possession of the crest of the hill and immediately got two machine guns into position thereon. Among the wounded are Gen. Tserpinsky and Lieut.-Col. Boutonssoff of the Frontier guards."

Gen. Stoessel's last dispatch is dated December 10, and says:

"Since the capture of Visokaio hill our ships in the harbor have been suffering from 11-inch Japanese shells. Gen. Tserpinsky succumbed to his wounds. The troops are in excellent spirits."

GEN. BARON A. V. KAULBARS,
Commander of Russia's Third Army, Now at the Front.

MORMONS MAY LAND IN PRISON

Belief That False Records of Marriage Have Been Sent to the Senate.

CASE IS MADE AGAINST SMOOT

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.

It is now the hierarchy of the Mormon church against the United States, and there is a very bitter feeling in congress.

If it is proved to the satisfaction of the senate committee on privileges and elections, which is now hearing the case of Senator Reed Smoot, that the authorities of the Mormon church have sent in a false record of marriage in the temple in response to a request for a correct record, as is now believed, Joseph F. Smith and the apostles of the church may find themselves in serious difficulties with the law.

It seemed probable when the investigating committee adjourned yesterday that matters were rapidly approaching a crisis and that Morman apostles and elders, if they took one step further in their defiance of the senate, would find themselves incarcerated in the jail of the District of Columbia in contempt of the power and dignity of the senate, and that Senator Smoot would immediately lose his seat.

Senator Dubois and the other opponents of the Mormon church in congress insist that a complete case has been made out against Senator Smoot. Testimony has been introduced, they say, establishing:

First, that every Mormon in good standing must take the oath denouncing the allegiance to the United States.

Second, that the doctrine of polygamy is still maintained in the church.

Third, that in view of these facts established, Senator Smoot should not be allowed to retain his seat in the United States senate, because his allegiance is first to the church, and second to the state.

WOMAN IS CHARGED WITH SELLING GREEN GOODS

She and Her Husband Accused of Using Mails to Defraud West Virginians.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CENTRAL CITY, W. VA., Dec. 18.—J. C. McElroy and his wife are under arrest here charged with using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. The officials claim they have evidence that the accused have been dealing in "green goods." The woman was arrested last night and owing to her prominence it caused a sensation. The husband was aboard a Chesapeake & Ohio train bound for Kentucky when his arrest was made today. He is in jail, but the woman has been released on bail.

Postoffice Inspector Whorton of Parkersburg worked up the case after months of labor. The postoffice in Central City was the chief point of operation. The southern section of the state has been flooded with "green goods" during the last few months. The preliminary trial of the McElroys will take place before United States Commissioner Gibson at Huntington tomorrow. There is a rumor that several other arrests may be made.

THREE WAR VESSELS LOST.

Two Belonged to the Japanese and One to Russians at Port Arthur.

TOKYO, Dec. 19.—The Japanese have lost two torpedo boats during all the operations against the battleship Sevastopol, which was reported yesterday in advices from Port Arthur to be completely disabled.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A special dispatch from Tokyo reports that the Japanese naval bombardment on Saturday sank a Russian torpedo boat at Port Arthur.

MOTHER OF CLARK DEAD.

Montana Senator on Ocean Unaware of Demise—Born Near Connellsville.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Mary Andrews Clark, mother of United States Senator William A. Clark, is dead at her home in this city, after an illness of but seven days, aged 92 years. Senator Clark, unaware of the serious illness of his mother, sailed from New York for Europe Saturday.

Mrs. Clark was born near Connellsville, Pa. She had been a resident of this city since 1882.

CLUE FOUND TO KILLING OF GIRL

Blood-Stained Clinching Iron Near Where Rose White's Body Lay.

MAN WHO BOUGHT IT MISSING

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A new clinching iron, stained with blood, was found this morning near the spot where the body of Miss Rose White was found, with her skull crushed and throat cut, near Chapmansville, in Logan county, yesterday.

This iron was purchased the night before the murder at a store in Chapmansville by a well-known young man, who is mysteriously missing. It is said two years ago, while Miss White was still a schoolgirl, this young man was a constant caller at her home. It is not generally known what caused his visits to cease, but it is suspected the girl's parents objected and that possibly he urged the girl to ignore their protests. Every effort is being made by the authorities to find him.

In spite of the fact that her father is one of the richest and most influential men in that section of the state, Miss White insisted upon earning her own livelihood. She had formerly taught school in the county and afterward was a stenographer. Two days before her death she returned from a visit at the home of a sister in Dingess, Mingo county.

It was reported late tonight physicians will hold an autopsy on account of certain rumors. It is stated the police are upon the trail of the alleged murderer and that his capture is but a question of a few hours.

EXPRESS COMPANY LOST GREAT SUM OF MONEY

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars in Currency and Bonds Burned.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

WORCESTER, MASS., Dec. 18.—The Adams Express Company lost nearly $250,000 by the fire which destroyed one of their cars on the Owl train on the Boston & Albany railroad, which left New York Thursday night. The loss includes $200,000 in bank bills and coupon bonds, all negotiable paper; $4,000 worth of bills consigned from New York to the Worcester National bank; $30,000 worth of merchandise and at least $6,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables.

The merchandise is insured for $10,000, leaving the loss to the company $230,000. The safe was taken from the ruins at Webster Junction Friday with the door intact, and to all appearances none the worse for having gone through the flames.

When the safe was opened in Boston it was found that the contents were totally destroyed. The 50 or more packages preserved their form, but they were so badly charred that it is believed it will be impossible to secure the redemption of any of the bills or bonds.

JAPAN SENDS FORTY SHIPS TO DESTROY BALTIC FLEET

American Consul Confirms Report of Approaching Naval Battle in the Far East.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Japanese have dispatched a fleet of 40 vessels to meet and destroy the Russian Baltic fleet. This news has come to this government from official sources at Tokyo, the original source of information being the American consul on the island of Formosa.

The news to this government is contained in the following Tokyo cable:

"It is reported that a Japanese fleet of 40 vessels passed Pescadore islands yesterday going south. This report has been confirmed here."

The report was cabled first to the American minister at Tokyo and was cabled here today.

Marcus D. Grover Dead.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 18.—Marcus D. Grover, general counsel of the Great Northern railway, died at his home in this city today, aged 62. Mr. Grover drew up the articles of incorporation of the Northern Securities Company.

MRS. CHADWICK IS A BANKRUPT

Will Make Formal Confession in the Federal Court Today.

WEALTH IS MISSING

Eats Lunch from a Cafe While the Prison Choir Holds Song Service.

LONG LITIGATION IS PROMISED

Special Telegram From
JOHN P. COWAN, Staff Correspondent.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick tomorrow will formally confess herself a bankrupt. Her notes for millions have gone to naught. Her priceless treasures of jewels have disappeared. Her assets will be shown to be comparatively small. Another mystery veils the extraordinary story of her strange career.

A climax will be reached in tomorrow's proceedings. She will be required to make another journey to the federal court. She will demur and complain that she is too ill for the ordeal. The United States authorities are inexorable and a dramatic scene is certain to follow her second appearance in the local court room. There is a possibility that she will tell what disposition was made of her belongings. If she should do this, her statement will shed light upon the case.

Mrs. Chadwick has no strong religious inclinations. It is said she leans toward the Protestant Episcopal church, but friends say she was rather an unstable pillar. Today she spent cloistered in her solitary cell, dozing and reading Sunday newspapers. She declined to take part in the religious services held in the jail. While Mrs. Mary A. Doty of the Methodist Episcopal denomination was reading the service and singing "Greenland's Icy Mountains" with two score of prisoners joining in the enthusiastic chorus, the most celebrated inmate of the jail was eating her luncheon, brought from a neighborhood cafe.

Prayers Better Than Lawyers.

Late in the afternoon a pious old lady carrying a Bible in her woolen mittens entered the sheriff's office.

"I want to pray with Mrs. Chadwick," said she.

"Mrs. Chadwick cannot be seen," said a jailer.

"Does she pray?"

"I do not know."

"Prayer will do more for her than the lawyers."

"I do not doubt that."

"You ought to tell her to pray constantly. I shall go home and pray for her myself. Tomorrow I will come and pray with her."

It is believed here Mrs. Chadwick will be acquitted when her case is brought to trial next February. So far as she is to be dealt with in the indictments against President Beckwith and Cashier Spear of the Oberlin bank, it is thought the trial will develop little to clear the mystery which surrounds the case. This, however, will only mark the beginning of her combat with justice. The state authorities will make the next move and the end is a long way off. She will be asked to show how she came into the possession of the notes which Andrew Carnegie says were forgeries.

Detectives Working in Pittsburgh.

This investigation is now going on. In Cleveland today, in Oberlin and in Pittsburgh are quiet, affable appearing men who are asking in a casual way when Mrs. Chadwick was here and there and what transactions were made and why and wherefor. These quiet, affable men are detectives and their deductions will make interesting reading if they are offered in evidence.

The conflict between Sheriff Barry of Cuyahoga county and the federal authorities will be reached today when United States Marshal Chandler will ask Judge Wing to issue a formal order directing the sheriff to admit Mrs. Chadwick's son, Emil Hoover, and her maid to her cell. The sheriff states he will honor the judge's order, but believes when the situation is understood Judge Wing will refuse the request.

There are now few visitors at the county jail who ask to see the famous prisoner. As a "nine days' wonder" her time limit has expired so far as Cleveland is concerned, but throughout the country she continues to excite interest. This feature of the case is shown by the number of letters she receives from all parts of the land. Cranks are still at work and ambitious theatrical managers, third-rate playwrights, writers of cheap fiction, souvenir photographers, moving picture men and dime museum impressarios are doing their best to make a deal with Mrs. Chadwick.

Her answer to these has not been given and it is now a matter of conjecture whether she will write her memoirs, pose for the cinematograph, "star" in melodramas or travel with the "big show."

She is not insensible to the value of advertising. There is not a prominent newspaper in the country whose policy is not familiar to her. At her residence here she runs a well-organized clipping bureau and has accumulated thousands of columns of newspaper articles respecting her famous escapade.

House Dynamited by Outlaws.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The residence of Samuel Hatcher, a wealthy business man, was partially destroyed by outlaws dynamiting the structure. Mel. Marshall and Frank Hatcher have been arrested charged with the crime. None of Hatcher's family was injured.

Fell 400 Feet and Unhurt.

POTTSVILLE, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Harriet, the 10-year-old daughter of Edwin Jones, slipped down a mine breach in the rear of her home in the Hecksherville valley today and landed 400 feet below, but was not injured, landing in the snow.

EMIL HOOVER.
The Son of Mrs. Chadwick.

MASKED MEN BLEW UP GAS LINE

Valuable Property of Pittsburgh Capitalists Destroyed by a Kansas Mob.

BITTER FIGHT TO KEEP SUPPLY

News that 100 masked men with dynamite had blown up the pipe line of the Kansas Natural Gas Company, near Independence, Kas., in which Pittsburgh capital is heavily involved, reached local directors of the corporation last night. E. P. Whitcomb and T. N. Barnsdall, both directors of the Kansas Natural Gas Company, were apprised of the destruction of the company's property about six miles south of Independence, which is in Montgomery county, in the southeast portion of the state.

The company had worked night and day and Saturday had finished the line out of the county. Men gathered the night before to tear up the line, but the company employes outnumbered them two to one. Late Saturday night a body of masked men, fully 100 in number, assembled and with the use of dynamite completely destroyed the line so that it cannot be repaired for some time, and possibly never, because legal proceedings are now feared.

Opposition to Gas Transportation.

The company strove desperately to finish the line on Saturday, because the district court was to hold session in Independence today, and it was expected the Montgomery county authorities would institute proceedings to prevent the line being extended out of the county. The opposition to the pipe line is the outgrowth of a movement inaugurated recently in Kansas to prevent the transportation of the natural gas supply of Kansas outside of the state.

E. P. Whitcomb explained the matter last night by stating that an organization, known as the Kansas Protective association, had been formed for this purpose, but the members of the association had quarreled and the association had been disrupted. The Montgomery county people then formed a separate organization and the sheriff secured an order from the court to stop work on the pipe line, in order to prevent gas being taken out of the county.

Reached the County Line.

Mr. Whitcomb said it was the intention of the company to extend the line to Galena, Kas., which is on the border of Kansas and Missouri, about 70 miles from Independence. When the sheriff stopped work on the line the company applied to the district court and obtained an injunction restraining the county authorities from interfering.

The company feared this injunction might be dissolved when the court convened today, and, by working day and night had succeeded yesterday in completing the line to a point outside the county limits. They felt safe, but from the dispatch received last night it is evident the people of the county took the law into their own hands.

J. G. McDowell of Pittsburgh is general manager of the company and is on the spot with Eugene Mackey, also of this city, who is the company's attorney. Mackey arrived there yesterday.

YULETIDE SEASON MAKES CONGRESSMEN DEPART

House and Senate Will Probably Transact No Business Before Holiday Adjournment.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The exodus of members of the house from the city indicates the lower branch of congress will be without a quorum when it meets tomorrow. Should this be the case, and should any member make the point on the floor of the chamber, the only thing that can be done is to adjourn from day to day until Wednesday, when the Christmas holiday recess until January 4 begins.

A large number of the senators have already left for their homes to spend the holidays and there is an understanding that immediately after being called to order on Monday the senate will adjourn until Wednesday and that Wednesday's proceedings will be confined to the mere formalities.

DEADLY CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Princeton Business Man Received Package of Tobacco Containing Much Poison.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—William Lutz, a business man of this place, received through the mail yesterday a neatly wrapped package and a letter bearing the Princeton postmark, which read as follows: "Friend Will—Accept this little token as a Christmas present, hoping you will enjoy it, with greetings."

The letter was unsigned. Lutz found the tobacco contained 18 grains of arsenic and 18 grains of paris green.

Another Victim of Accident Dead.

ALLENTOWN, Dec. 18.—Edwin M. Rupert, the motorman who was injured yesterday in the collision between two trolley cars at Iron Bridge, died this afternoon. He was 32 years old and leaves a widow and two children.

DELVING INTO PANAMA ROCK

Chief Engineer Wallace Gives Report on Canal Operations.

DETAILS THE PLANS

He Says the Sea-Level Waterway Would be the Easiest to Maintain.

ESTIMATES TIME AND COST

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, has given the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce the benefit of his investigations, so far as made, regarding the engineering tasks to be performed in the construction of the Panama canal. The testimony was taken aboard the army transport Sumner in Colon harbor, on the occasion of the recent visit of the committee to the canal zone. It is to be presented for the use of congress.

Before taking up in detail the four distinct canal propositions which are being considered by him, and on which he is to report to the canal commission, Mr. Wallace made this explanation on the general problem:

"The isthmus is transversed by a mountain range, the summit of which is approximately 12 miles from the Pacific and 35 miles from the Caribbean. Originally, a gorge evidently existed from the Caribbean near Colon to the vicinity of Gamboa, and extended beyond that point in an easterly direction, forming the upper basin of the Chagres river. After filling this gorge with an alluvial deposit, the Chagres has swung itself from one side of the valley to the other.

Must Explore Sub-Surface.

"The result is that the thread of the original gorge cannot be followed or found from surface indications and it is only by drilling to bed rock that exact information in regard to any particular locality can be obtained. The presence of boulders in this alluvial deposit also explains the reason why engineers, not taking time to go into the rock far enough to determine its actual character, have been misled into thinking they had struck bed rock. To determine the most feasible plan for the construction of the canal will require a most careful and comprehensive examination, not only of surface conditions, but the sub-surface must be explored.

"After following the valley of the Chagres to Gamboa, the line of the canal follows a tributary called the Obispo, up to the summit of Culebra, and thence follows down the valley of the Rio Grande into the bay of Panama. The summit at Culebra was originally about 300 feet above the sea level of the isthmus of Panama. The plan of the former commission provided for a dam of practically 100 feet in height, above sea level, at Bohio, with a water level of 90 feet above sea level.

Foundations for High Dam.

"This place was selected on account of the fact that at that point the hills on either side of the Chagres come comparatively close together, being about 1,500 feet apart, and from the surface indications it seemed a favorable place for the construction of a dam. But the indications are that this locality will be an unfavorable and expensive one for the construction of a high dam.

"The instructions to the chief engineer by the present commission were to make full and thorough examinations of the canal route, the manner of doing the work and the various plans which might suggest themselves, and lay before the commission the result of this examination with his final recommendation.

"The first plan to be considered, the one estimated upon by the former commission, is the possibility and practicability of a high dam, or proper foundation for a high dam, at Bohio, upon which depends the advisability of constructing a high-level canal with the surface of the water 90 feet above sea level.

"The second plan under consideration is a summit level of 60 feet above sea level. Constructing a canal on this plan admits of two different methods of treatment:

Would Necessitate Tunneling.

"First, the construction of a dam 90 feet above sea level at Bohio, with two locks of 30 feet, there being two locks on the western slope; second, the construction of a dam 60 feet above sea level at Gatun, eight miles from Colon, with two 30-foot locks in the same vicinity. The adoption of a 60-foot level also will render it necessary to construct a dam at Gamboa, in order to provide a reservoir to accumulate water enough during the wet season to furnish water for the summit level of the canal.

"The construction of a dam at Gamboa, in this connection, would also control the Chagres river, except that it would be necessary to provide a safety spillway by the construction of a tunnel some eight miles in length through the divide, discharging the surplus waters of the Chagres into the headwaters of the Juan Diaz, or the alternative plan of constructing a tunnel four miles long through the divide separating the Chagres basin from the headwaters of the Gatuncillo, a stream which enters into the Chagres valley at Gatun. Should this latter course be adopted, it would be necessary to construct an auxiliary channel for the Chagres from Gatun to the sea, in order to divert its flood waters into the bay eastward of Colon.

"The third general plan under consideration would be the construction of a canal with a 30-foot or 30-foot level above the sea, with a single lock at Miraflores, and a single lock at Bohio, or in the immediate vicinity, the construction of the Gumboa dam to be required in this instance the same as in the 60-foot level plan.

The Sea-Level Plan.

The fourth plan would be the construction of a sea level canal with a tidal lock at Miraflores. In this connection it is necessary to explain that while the mean sea level of the Pacific and the

Caribbean are the same: high tide in the bay of Panama rises 10 feet above mean sea level and falls 10 feet below; whereas, the fluctuation of the tide of the Caribbean at Colon is less than two feet. The construction of a dam at Gamboa, with the necessary spillways, as noted in the previous plan, would be the same under the sea level plan as under the 30 or 60-foot level.

"The construction of the Gamboa dam would provide the water supply for the entire line of the canal, including the cities of Panama and Colon. It would also provide a power plant for the generation of electric power sufficient to furnish ample power for the operation of the Panama railroad and for the operation of any machinery that might be used in the construction of the canal. It would require two years to construct this dam, and, roughly estimated, its cost, including spillways, would be between $15,000,000 and $18,000,000, not including the power plant."

Asked by members of the committee for an estimate of the cost of the various plans, Mr. Wallace said the best estimate that could be made at present would be based on the estimate of the former commission of $200,000,000 for a 30-foot level canal. Figuring with this as a basis, the 60-foot level canal would cost $225,000,000, could be open for traffic in 10 years and fully completed in 12 years; the 30-foot level would cost $250,000,000, be open for traffic in 12 years, and fully completed in 15; the sea level canal would cost $300,000,000, could be open for traffic in 15 years and completed in 20 years.

Could Work Double Shifts.

Chairman Hepburn's questions developed that the estimate of time to build the canal was based on a 10-hour day, and that with the construction of the Gamboa dam and the operation of the power plant, electric light sufficient to illume the whole of Culebra cut might be had, thus making practical the working of two or more shifts, and shortening the time of construction. Mr. Wallace stated that the excavation of this cut was the feature of the construction of the canal that took the time. He said:

"Upon the economical and efficient handling of the material from Culebra cut depends the cost and the time it will take to complete the canal. Every other question and every other problem connected with the entire work is subordinate and inferior to the problem of the excavation and disposal of the material from the Culebra cut; that is the principal problem of this work. The control of the Chagras, the construction of the various dams, the construction of harbor improvements and all other works are relatively less important."

Work is now going on in the cut, one American steam shovel and some of the French machinery being in operation. Fourteen American steam shovels have been purchased, one of which is being set up. The others are to be delivered at the rate of one a month. During October 5,18[illegible] men were on the payrolls of the commission. Of these, 2,165 were laborers receiving 15 cents silver an hour; 245 laborers, receiving 17½ cents an hour; 775 were machinists, boilermakers, pipefitters, plumbers, carpenters and masons; 256 were Americans from the United States, whose compensation is paid in gold and who fill positions as engineers, clerks and foremen. More laborers are to be employed in the immediate future. Mr. Wallace is somewhat doubtful of the practical working of the civil service order as recently applied to canal employes.

Foundations Are Uncertain.

Reverting again to the question of the Bohio dam, upon which depends the construction of the 90-foot level canal, Chairman Hepburn asked questions which brought out a statement from Mr. Wallace as to the probability of finding proper foundation for the dam. Mr. Wallace said:

"It is very uncertain. What will be found when borings are taken is entirely theoretical. But the results of the borings so far taken at the various sites investigated have been disappointing. The average depth bored without finding bed rock has been 163 feet."

As to foundation for the proposed Gamboa dam, which is required in all of the alternate plans, Mr. Wallace said:

"At Gamboa the elevation of rock on the site of the proposed dam is at sea level, and numerous borings taken at that point entering the rock 20 to 25 feet in depth would indicate that at Gamboa there is no question as to the ability to find a satisfactory rock foundation for a dam at a maximum depth of sea level. The probable method of construction, say of the Gamboa dam, or even of the Bohio dam, would be the construction of a core of concrete and the filling in with the waste dirt out of Culebra cut. The Gamboa dam can be constructed cheaper than the Bohio dam on account of the fact that the foundation is much nearer the surface, and the dam site much nearer to Culebra cut."

Answering a question about the operation of a sea level canal, Mr. Wallace said:

"A sea level canal would be less expensive to maintain, less expensive to operate, save time in passage through it, and could be widened and deepened when required without interfering with traffic."

Mr. Wallace said that he was not prepared to estimate as to time or cost or plan of a canal until he had completed taking the data he is now compiling. He has several parties of engineers at work along the line of the canal, each engaged in compiling data on a given problem, but he could not then tell when his recommendations as to the canal will be ready.

Mansfield Seat Sale.

Tomorrow morning at the Nixon box office the seat sale for the coming engagement of Mr. Richard Mansfield will open. There will be no advance over Mr. Mansfield's former scale of prices. Mr. Mansfield has departed from his rule and has consented to give a holiday matinee on Monday (Christmas), when he will be seen in "Beau Brummel." Monday night will see him in what is spoken of as the greatest piece of acting the stage has seen in generations, as Tzar Ivan in "Ivan the Terrible." Tuesday night "Beau Brummel" will be repeated for the last time; Wednesday night Mr. Mansfield will be seen as Shylock in Shakespeare's comedy, "The Merchant of Venice;" Thursday, Baron Chevrial in "A Parisian Romance;" Friday, as King Richard in a complete production of Shakespeare's "King Richard III." At the Saturday matinee "The Merchant of Venice" will be repeated and on Saturday night Mr. Mansfield will be seen in "Dr. Jeykll and Mr. Hyde."

Japanese Ships Sail for Singapore.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A report from Chefoo that a portion of the Japanese fleet has left for Singapore and that a number of Japanese merchantmen have been lightly armed to maintain the blockade of Port Arthur is published today in a Chefoo dispatch to the Daily Telegraph.

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BISHOP SINKING VERY RAPIDLY

The Rt. Rev. Richard Phelan Lay Unconscious Throughout Entire Day.

THE SYMPATHY IS GENERAL

Expressions of sympathy were given throughout the city yesterday over the critical illness of the Right Rev. Bishop Richard Phelan, who is lying on his deathbed in St. Paul's orphan asylum in Idlewood. The venerable prelate was unconscious throughout the entire day and at a late hour last night was sinking very rapidly.

Sister Rosalia of the Order of Mercy of the Webster avenue convent, his sister, was at the bedside a greater portion of the day, while Drs. J. S. Demuth and J. S. Foster of Crafton were in attendance at the bedside almost constantly. Sisters Josephine and Xavier of the Sisters of Mercy and nieces of the bishop, were visitors at the asylum, as was Coadjutor Bishop Canevin, while many local priests called and expressed their sympathy. The Rev. Father Michael Lynch, who is in charge of the orphanage, has watched at the bedside of the dying bishop almost continually during the past two days.

No answer has as yet been received to the cablegram sent to the bishop's brother, the Very Rev. Canon Patrick Phelan of Kilkenny county, Ireland, and no answer is expected until this morning, owing to the difference in time. Bishop Phelan has a sister in St. Bridget's convent in Ararat, Australia. She is known as Sister Ursula and is of the order of Sisters of Mercy.

In all the Catholic churches in the Pittsburgh diocese Bishop Phelan's illness was feelingly referred to. At the Epiphany church, which is the procathedral, and where the priests knew the bishop well, more lengthy references were made. The congregation was asked to pray for the bishop's recovery, or, if God willed otherwise, his peaceful death.

At the meeting of division No. 4, A. O. H., yesterday, the following resolution was adopted:

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, ever loyal to its fundamental principles of love of faith and fatherland and especially desirous of showing its gratitude to the friend of our ancient, patriotic and ancestral society, desire to place ourselves upon record sympathizing with our Rt. Rev. Bishop R. Phelan, whose illness has been officially reported to us.

We pride ourselves on our love and devotion to our friends, and especially the hierarchy whose sympathy and support we have ever valued, and most particularly that of our estimable and unwavering friend, the Rt. Rev. R. Phelan.

Resolved, That our sentiments here expressed be recorded on our minute and copies sent to the papers.

The minute was signed by C. Horgan, president; John Powers, financial secretary; Thomas L. Dillon, vice president; Michael J. Abbott, recording secretary; David F. Quinlan, treasurer; John Flannery and Francis E. Carroll, the officers and committee of the division.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL REBUKES OFFICERS WHO USE PEN

Declares They Are All to Blame for the Present Condition of the Czar's Navy.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

ST. PETERSBURG Dec. 18.—Admiral Birileff, who has gone to Libau to superintend the completion and preparation of war vessels still in the Baltic sea, with a view to their dispatch in case of necessity, to the far east, in a witty and caustic letter administered a rebuke to those officers who have been engaged in a controversy in the newspapers relative to the question whether Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron is strong enough to cope with the ships of Vice Admiral Togo without reinforcements.

Admiral Birileff expresses the affirmative opinion on this point, declaring that beyond question the Japanese ships have suffered severely, as evidenced by the fact that the Japanese have ordered 108 armor plates, 14 for the battleship Mikasa alone. Nevertheless, he considers it to be absolutely vital to prepare a third squadron should it prove necessary to support or replace the second squadron. The admiral says every day's delay is a misdemeanor and every week's delay a crime.

It is the business of naval officers, therefore, he remarks, to lay aside their pens till the war is over and attend to business. There is no time now to try to locate the blame for the fact that Russia's navy was no better prepared. "As a matter of fact," Admiral Birileff says, "we are all guilty. If our heads are still on our shoulders, it is due to the forbearance of my long-suffering emperor."

DEATH CAME SILENTLY.

Three Married Women, One the Wife of Councilman Gibbon, Die Suddenly at Their Homes.

Mrs. Margaret Gibbon, aged 46, wife of Councilman Joel Gibbon of the Twenty-third ward, died at her home, 1553 Irvine street, yesterday, from heart disease. Her husband was awakened by her heavy breathing and found her unconscious. She is survived by her husband and one son.

Mrs. Margaret Duffy, aged 30, of 925 Vickroy street, was found dead in bed yesterday by her husband. The latter is employed at the Twenty-eighth street freight station of the Pennsylvania railroad and when he went home yesterday morning he found his wife dead. Abscess of the brain caused death.

Mrs. Minnie Sweeney, aged 28, of 7 Cornet street, Fourteenth ward, died at her home yesterday from heart disease. She is survived by five children, the youngest being two months old.

Wilkinsburg Church Opened.

St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Wilkinsburg, was opened yesterday afternoon with special services. The Rev. Dr. J. C. White of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh, preached the sermon, while addresses were made by the rector, the Rev. R. W. Patten; the Rev. Drs. E. H. Ward, R. W. Grange and E. H. Peavin of Pittsburgh and the Rev. Lawrence McClure of the Oakmont church. The church was erected at a cost of $40,000, is of white sandstone and seats 400 people.

Raided Alleged Gambling House.

Capt. McCabe and Acting Lieut. Baker of the Central police station, with a squad of officers, raided an alleged gambling house at 415 Seventh avenue at 12:15 o'clock this morning and arrested John Cusick, said to be the proprietor, and five visitors. Gambling paraphernalia including a crap table, cards and chips, were seized.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

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Plymouth—Bluecher from New York for Cherbourg and Hamburg and proceeded.

Sailed, December 18.

New York—Astoria for Moville and Glasgow, Belgravia for Hamburg, Hawaiian for San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma.

Queenstown—Campania from Liverpool for New York.

Dover—Pretoria from Hamburg for New York via Boulogne.

Passed, December 18.

Kinsale—Canada from Portland, Me., for Liverpool.

Gibraltar—Prinz Oskar from New York for Naples and Genoa.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON—Miss Ada Rehan, supported by Charles Richman, in "The Taming of the Shrew," 8:15 p. m.

NEW ALVIN—The Harry Davis Stock Company in "Sergeant James," 2 and 8 p. m.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Continuous vaudeville bill of 15 acts, headed by Fadette Woman's orchestra, 1:30 to 10:45 p. m.

GAYETY—Creston Clarke in "Monsieur Beaucaire," 8 p. m.

AVENUE—Anna Eva Fay (fifth week), 8 p. m.; matinee for women exclusively, 2 p. m.

BIJOU—"A Desperate Chance," 2 and 8 p. m.

DUQUESNE—"Buster Brown" (second week of return engagement), 8 p. m.

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The proverbs selected for this contest are those in common use and will not be hard to solve, but be careful to get the correct wording and punctuation, and see that each word is spelled correctly. You will find this contest an education for old and young. Enter it at once.

SNOW AND GALE CAUSE OF HAVOC

Severe Storm on the Atlantic Coast Is Disastrous to Shipping.

OCEAN LINERS REACH PORT

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK Dec. 18.—The snowstorm and gale which struck the coast yesterday afternoon and continued until early this morning was the most violent that has occurred for several years. Reports from the New Jersey and New England coast and from incoming steamers, tell of furious gales and many disasters.

At Vineyard Haven over 15 schooners, anchored in the harbor, were blown ashore and several others were damaged in collisions. Off the Bayhead, N. J., life saving station the schooner Lizzie H. Brayton, bound for Providence, R. I., from Baltimore, went ashore, the crew being rescued by the lifesavers.

The Cunarder Umbria and the American liner St. Paul, both of which arrived today, reported heavy weather and adverse gales during the whole passage. The steamer Astoria, bound for Glasgow, went ashore today in the lower bay, but was later floated without injury and proceeded.

In the river and harbor the traffic was for a while during the worst of the storm almost at a standstill. So heavy was the snowfall that lights could not be seen on the river a boat's length ahead.

In the city the snow which began yesterday afternoon fell almost without intermission until early this morning by which time eight inches had fallen. There was little interruption of traffic. Thirteen thousand snow shovelers and 4,000 teams set to work as soon as the snow ceased falling to clean the principal thoroughfares. Three feet of snow on the level was the record of the storm in the east end of Long Island and as a result trains were delayed. One train bound west from Sag Harbor is still stalled in the hills.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 18.—Manoloking life saving station reports an explosion on an oil barge off that place this afternoon. A pilotboat is standing by and has probably rescued the crew. The barge is burning.

A schooner said to be the Lizzie H. Brayton, from Baltimore for Providence with a cargo of soft coal, is ashore off Bayhead life saving station. The life saving crew rescued the crew of the stranded vessel.

Solid Express Trains Running.

The new special express train service on the Pennsylvania railroad worked so well on Saturday that the railroad will run these special trains through the holidays. The trains will be composed solidly of express cars, running on a passenger train schedule, so that merchants and their customers will be served much more promptly than formerly at Christmas time. Merchants can now order goods for emergencies and will not be obliged to stock up for the holidays so heavily as before.

Sunday School Room Flooded.

By the bursting of a water pipe at 9:15 o'clock last night the Sunday school room of Christ Protestant Episcopal church at Union avenue, Allegheny, was flooded. By hard work the janitor of the church succeeded in shutting off the water. The damage will not exceed $50.

MRS. CHADWICK DENIES GETTING PHIPPS LOAN

Chantler Mortgage Is Said to Have Been Bonus for Money Borrowed in Pittsburgh.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Henry Phipps and the estate of the late Henry M. Curry are named as the latest Pittsburghers to have had dealings with Mrs. Chadwick. A stranger in Cleveland last week was said to represent Henry Phipps and that he was here to investigate his chances of gaining a possible security for a large loan which was said to have been negotiated through Attorney Thomas D. Chantler of Pittsburgh. The $20,000 mortgage which Mr. Chantler collected on the Cleveland woman's property is said to have been given as a bonus for the Phipps loan. The man who was said to represent Phipps remained in Cleveland but a little time.

The Gazette correspondent tonight acquainted Mrs. Chadwick with the rumor. Although the hour was quite late she was still wide awake.

"There is no truth in the report," she answered. "I never had any money from Mr. Phipps or Mr. Curry."

JOHN P. COWAN.

DR. CHADWICK STARTS FOR UNITED STATES

PARIS, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Dr. L. S. Chadwick left his hotel in Paris this morning for Dover. He said that he was going to America and gave his address as Cleveland, O. Dr. Chadwick was accompanied by his daughter. Their baggage consisted of five trunks. It is believed that he has gone to London, where he may remain a few days, and then will probably sail from Liverpool. He has been at the Hotel Continental since November 14.

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AGITATORS CRY AGAINST WAR

Revolutionary Demonstration by Thousands in Streets of Moscow.

MANY PERSONS ARE WOUNDED

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

MOSCOW, Dec. 18.—This city was the scene of a revolutionary demonstration today from noon till nearly evening. Probably 5,000 people actually participated. Fortunately the agitators did not succeed in drawing the workingmen from the factories into the disturbance, and after many collisions, the police firing blank volleys and charging with their sabres, the crowds were finally dispersed. Many were wounded and more were arrested. As far as known none of the rioters was killed. One policeman is reported to have been fatally injured. Many on both sides were roughly handled.

The police had orders to exclude demonstrators from the precinct of the palace of Grand Duke Sergius, but the demonstrators ignored all warnings and pushed along Tverskaia street, shouting "Down with the war," and singing revolutionary songs.

They stopped in front of the palace and refused to disperse. After a few blank cartridges had been fired from the revolvers of the police the latter drew their swords and with the assistance of gendarmes and Cossacks, drove the demonstrators, students of both sexes, into the neighboring street, including the boulevard Pushkin, where the struggle was continued around the Pushkin statue. The general public did not participate, but appeared to disapprove of the demonstration. The students had counted on the co-operation of the workingmen, but employers, by a threat to withhold the customary New Year gifts, induced the men to abstain.

At a banquet of engineers tonight resolutions similar to those adopted by the zemstvoists were passed.

BANQUET OF CINDER SIFTERS.

Annual Affair to Occur at Monongahela Tuesday Night—Persons Who Will Speak.

MONONGAHELA, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The annual banquet of the Monongahela "Cinder Sifters" is announced for Tuesday night. The menu is to include deer, buffalo fresh from the west, quail, rabbit and other game. Arrangements will be made to accommodate 500 people.

The "Cinder Sifters" are men who as boys met at a huge pile of cinders on the bank of the Monongahela river. They now have rooms, where questions of public interest are discussed. It is declared the election of Harry K. Bentley last year was largely through the influence of the "Cinder Sifters" stand for municipal reform. At the banquet Dr. Mark Baldwin of Homestead, who is an honor guest at every annual banquet, is scheduled to speak on "Youthful Ideals, an Uplifting Factor in Municipal Life." John K. Tener, the Charleroi banker, is expected to speak on "Sifting Other Things Besides Cinders." There will be other toasts by well known men of Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Charleroi and other valley towns.

YOUNG MEN WANT JOBS.

Threatened Factional Fight in Mercer County—Robinson's Place Is Desired.

SHARON, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Because of the threatened factional fight in Mercer county next spring there are many politicians now holding fat jobs at Harrisburg and Washington who fear they will lose their places. Year after year the same men are reappointed.

A demand has been made that some one else be given a chance. The dissension comes from the younger Republicans who have been promised positions for several years and who threaten to revolt. Judge S. H. Miller expects to control the next county committee. One demand that will be made of Alexander McDowell, clerk of the house of representatives, is that Henry Robinson, present disbursing clerk of the house at Washington, be removed.

MADE THEM RAVE.

Physician and Patient Become Violent Upon Tasting Former's Medicine.

To the blunder of a drug manufacturing firm or of a wholesale druggist is attributed two cases of violent illness in McKees Rocks, one being that of the patient, who took a dose prescribed, and the other the physician who prescribed the medicine.

After taking the medicine Mrs. S. Hamilton of 534 Island avenue, became worse and her mind wandered. Dr. C. L. McKinon, the physician, was hastily summoned, and to demonstrate there was no mistake in the prescription, swallowed some of the medicine himself. In a short time he too was raving, and Dr. William Hamilton was called to attend both cases. After the latter physician had administered antidotes both patients were out of danger.

An excessive amount of atropine sulphate is said to have caused the trouble.

Passengers on Belt Line.

The Wabash railroad established passenger train service on the West Side belt line yesterday, and the two trains each way to and from Clairton and the four trains each way to and from Bruce ran smoothly, with few hitches. The trains were well patronized, too.

Three More Are Dying.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Further news from Caseville, on the Big Sandy river, says that three rivermen are dying from drinking wood alcohol, in addition to the five already reported dead.

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ATTACKED BY MASTIFF.

Boy Is Frightfully Bitten Before Bystanders Succeed in Driving the Ferocious Brute Away.

Albert Devine, a 14-year-old son of Patrick Devine of 305 Carson street, was terribly lacerated about the face by a mastiff, owned by Antony Stark, a butcher of 303 Carson street, yesterday. The elder Devine says Stark keeps the dog chained most of the time. Yesterday morning the animal was taken to the river front at the foot of South Third street.

The mastiff made for the Devine boy, seizing him by the face. Bystanders beat the animal off. Young Devine was removed to his home.

The boy's father demanded that the dog be killed, but according to his statement the owner refused.

CORNER STONE OF CHURCH IS LAID AT AMBRIDGE

The corner stone of the church building to be erected by St. Veronica Roman Catholic congregation of Ambridge, was laid yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service was in charge of the Rev. Father S. S. O'Shea of Sewickley, pastor of the church. The stone was blessed by Coadjutor Bishop J. F. Regis Canevin of Pittsburgh, who also preached the sermon in English. The sermon in Polish was preached by the Rev. Father Caesar Tomaszeski of Pittsburgh. The structure, which will be of brick and stone, will cost $12,000.

Bellevue Bible School Rally.

A Bible school rally was held at the Bellevue Christian church yesterday morning and evening. At the morning service addresses upon Bible school work were made by J. E. Staub, H. J. Heinz and Hon. W. H. Graham. The Metz Sisters quartet of Toledo, O., gave a musical program in the evening. An address upon "Child Life of Jesus" will be given by the pastor, the Rev. A. W. Place, next Sunday evening. It will be illustrated by stereopticon pictures.

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HELMOLD QUOTES DONOR CARNEGIE

Shows How Pittsburgh Has Distanced Baltimore in Library Appropriations.

RADICAL CHANGE IN 14 YEARS

C. W. Helmold, chairman of the city council committee on appropriations, is making inquiries to find what other cities are appropriating for the maintenance of public libraries. He proposes to use this information for comparison with the expense of the Carnegie library in Pittsburgh. Chairman Helmold has received information that Baltimore, a city of over 500,000 population, is appropriating but $50,000 a year. Pittsburgh's annual appropriation for the Carnegie library is $158,000.

He selected Baltimore because that city was cited by Andrew Carnegie in his letter to the mayor and councils of Pittsburgh, offering to give $1,000,000 for a library if the city would give $40,000 a year for the library's maintenance. Mr. Carnegie called attention to the fact that Enoch Pratt had given $1,000,000 to the city of Baltimore for a library and at that time, which was in 1890, the city of Baltimore was appropriating $50,000 to support its library.

"The city of Baltimore is paying no more today for the support of the Pratt library than it did 14 years ago, while our appropriation has increased from $40,000 to $158,000 in that time," said Chairman Helmold. "Baltimore has also branch libraries and it is a city of more than double the population of Pittsburgh.

Appropriates Only $50,000.

"I wish to call attention to the statement which Mr. Carnegie made in his letter to the mayor and councils that he believed $40,000 would be ample to support the library, yet the city is now appropriating four times that amount. On the other hand, Baltimore's library appropriation is the same as it was 14 years ago. I am more strongly convinced than ever that the expenditures of the Carnegie library are extravagant."

The letter of Andrew Carnegie, to which Chairman Helmold refers, was as follows:

Pittsburgh, Feb. 6, 1890.

To the Mayor and Councils of Pittsburgh:

Gentlemen: Some years ago I had the pleasure of offering to expend upon a free library for the city of Pittsburgh the sum of $250,000. The finances of the city were not then in condition to permit of its acceptance. Having expended more than that sum in our sister city of Allegheny, I subsequently intimated that I was prepared to expend not less than $500,000 for Pittsburgh; such, however, has been the recent growth of the city, such are its prospects for the future, that careful consideration has led me to the conclusion that in order to provide such libraries as Pittsburgh should have will require even a larger sum.

I think that Pittsburgh requires a central building containing a reference and circulating library; also suitable accommodations for works of art, which I believe its citizens would soon provide; that there should be added rooms for the meeting of the various learned societies of the city. The experience of New York, Baltimore and other large cities has proved that a central library should be supplemented by branch libraries.

To provide these buildings with suitable books, etc., I offer to expend not less than $1,000,000. I propose that the location, erection, and management shall be intrusted to a board of trustees composed ex-officio of the mayor, the presidents of select and common councils, the president of the central board of education and a library committee of five, appointed by councils, such as you have done me the honor to appoint to confer with me; to these I would add the names of twelve well-known citizens of Allegheny county, who shall have power as a body to provide for the re-election of its members at stated times, and also to fill vacancies in their number.

Thought $40,000 Sufficient.

The libraries to be formally handed over to the city upon their completion, free from lien, in trust for the purposes specified, the city to agree to receive and support the same at its own proper cost under the management of the trustees as above provided.

The city of Baltimore pays $50,000 per annum for the support of its public libraries established by Mr. Enoch Pratt, who gave $1,000,000 for the purpose; but I believe that $40,000 per annum would be sufficient to maintain those of Pittsburgh; and not less than this sum per annum I require the city of Pittsburgh to agree to place at the disposal of the library trustees to be expended upon them.

I am clearly of the opinion that it is only by the city maintaining its public libraries as it maintains its public schools, that every citizen can be made to feel that he is a joint proprietor of them, and that the public library is for the public as a whole and not for any portion thereof; and I am equally clear that unless a community is willing to maintain public libraries at the public cost that very little good can be obtained from them. Not to save me further expenditure therefor, but for the best interests of the city, I make it a condition that they shall be properly maintained by the city. Very respectfully,

ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Accepted Carnegie's Condition.

Following the above letter was another letter from Mr. Carnegie to John S. Lamble, president of select council, dated May 6, 1890, stating that, three of the citizen members of the library commission having resigned, their places would not be left unfilled, thus securing for the city equal representation on the commission with the nine citizen members selected by Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie further provided, as the city selected its nine representatives without participation on the part of the citizen members of the commission, that the citizen members should also have the right to select their successors without the city participating. This arrangement was to give the city and Mr. Carnegie equal representation.

Upon the conditions stipulated by Mr. Carnegie, Pittsburgh councils on May 31, 1890, passed an ordinance accepting his gift.

LEISHMAN IN TOWN.

United States Minister to Turkey Is in Pittsburgh Visiting Old Time Friends.

The Hon. John G. A. Leishman, United States minister to Turkey, is in the city visiting friends. He arrived yesterday and is stopping at the Duquesne club.

Mr. Leishman is expected to attend a dinner at Hotel Schenley tonight given by the Episcopal Church club of the Pittsburgh diocese in honor of the Rt. Rev. Franklin S. Spalding of Erie, the missionary bishop of Salt Lake.

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Remember the Young Folks in a Practical Way.

What, as George Ade says, could be more appropriate to the glad season than a money deposit in some reliable bank? You can open a Savings Account with the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, Fourth Ave. and Smithfield St., with any sum from one dollar up, and the pass book will be enclosed in an attractive envelope and mailed, if desired, with the card of the donor, so as to be delivered Christmas morning. Thousands of such sensible gifts will be made this year. Write the bank for particulars.

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Notice to Democrats.

Under the party rules, the Democratic primaries will be held at the accustomed places in the various districts of the city of Pittsburgh on Saturday, December 24, between the hours of 5 and 7 p. m.

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TRAIN IS BURNED WHILE ON SIDING

Three Passenger and One Combination Coach Destroyed on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

LOSSES IN AN EAST END FIRE

Eight thousand dollars' worth of Pennsylvania rolling stock was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Three passenger coaches and a combination mail and passenger coach were totally consumed and another passenger car was badly damaged. The coaches comprised a local train left on a siding above Twenty-second street until it was time to run down to the Union station and take on passengers. The fire is thought to have started from an overheated stove in the combination coach. It was discovered by a number of small boys, who ran to the engine house in Penn avenue and gave the alarm.

The flames by that time had spread to the other coaches and two more engine companies were summoned. On account of the retaining wall between the railroad tracks and Liberty avenue, the firemen had considerable difficulty in reaching the fire, which was on the far side of the railroad.

Fireman James McLaughlin of No. 7 company was badly cut about the hands by tin on the roof of one of the cars, but was able to remain on duty.

A roasting pig caused a fire in the residence of A. H. King, Jr., 506 North Highland avenue, yesterday afternoon. The damage was small, but the piece de resistance of the dinner was spoiled. The pig, which was cooking in the kitchen range, caught fire and when the cook attempted to rescue it, the burning grease set fire to the floor.

Bad Fire in the East End.

The fire which broke out shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the warehouse of the Iron City Vehicle Company, Penn avenue and Beatty street, East End, completely destroyed the building and contents and damaged surrounding property, causing a loss of $20,000. When discovered the flames were bursting from the second story window of the carriage factory and had evidently been burning some time. The building was a three-story frame and extended from Penn avenue along Beatty street to Kirkwood street.

When the firemen arrived the entire upper portion of the building was in flames.

In the rear of the carriage warehouse are a number of frame stables which soon took fire. A two-story frame dwelling adjoining, occupied by Mrs. Mary Morehead as a boarding house, also caught fire. Mrs. Morehead awakened her eight boarders and succeeded in clearing the house. The carriage warehouse was burned to the ground and the dwelling practically destroyed with its contents. The stable of Tucker McDaniels, a negro, was also destroyed. In the McDaniels stable considerable goods had been stored, which were burned.

Many Buildings Scorched.

The stable of the White Transfer Company, in Kirkwood street, was scorched, as was the wagon repair shop of John Penroyd. The window frames on the Beatty street side of the Seeley block were all burned out and the occupants lost considerable by water.

The losses are: Iron City Vehicle Company, $12,000 on stock, including some 65 carriages, traps and buggies, which were destroyed; Mrs. Mary Morehead, on household goods, $1,000; White Transfer Company, $600; Tucker McDaniels, $500; John Penroyd, $400; Seeley block, $500.

The carriage warehouse, Morehead dwelling and the stables were owned by Leopold Vilsack and were about to be torn down.

Patrolman Michael Kerrigan of 18 West Carson street, while sleeping in his home at 11 a. m., yesterday, was awakened by the burning of a mantel lambrequin. In putting out the fire his hands were burned. The fire caught from the grate.

A fire at the residence of Arthur Gordon, 7135 Hermitage street, early yesterday morning, caused by an overheated stove, did $25 damage.

A chimney blaze at the home of Jacob Trombem, 2515 Lebanon street, caused an alarm but no damage, yesterday morning.

An alarm was sent in from box 282 yesterday for a fire at the Ames M. E. church, Second avenue and Lowry street, caused by a defective flue. No damage resulted.

The residence of Patrick Malia, 5126 Ethel street, was damaged by fire to the extent of $400 last night. The fire started from a defective flue.

HAMILTON'S

Getting Good Value

That's a problem that many people are trying to solve this Christmas. And here's a suggestion.

If there's one place more than another in this city where "Good Value" has been the watchword throughout its history, that place is Hamilton's.

No piano store that we know of has come closer to the ideal of a "square deal"—as our honored president would say—than has this one, and thirty-five years of steady, healthy growth demonstrates emphatically that the piano buying public are sure of "Good Value" for every dollar of investment made here.

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Conservatory Pianos

The best proposition ever made in a thoroughly dependable upright piano of up-to-date finish and design. The price is only $185 and the terms but $15.00 first payment and balance $7.50 monthly.

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Such instruments as Schumann, Smith & Barnes, Kurtzmann, Vough, Becker Bros., Doll, Imperial, Willard and others at fair prices are also shown here in every variety of case design.

The Angelus

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Just remember this, that while the Angelus will cost you from $25 to $50 more than any other player—the Angelus is the only player having the Phrasing Lever, and that one feature is worth more than the difference in cost. You'd understand if you'd come in and try it. Prices

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Used Upright Pianos

Some exceptional offerings in slightly used A. B. Chase, Fischer and other pianos in our line are shown this week, and in our exchange room we have some very good second-hand uprights in such makes as Fischer, Pease, Hallet & Davis, Wheelock, Decker Bros., Chickering and others at prices as low as **$87.50**

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The stamp "Queen Quality" removes all doubt. It is an absolute assurance of correct style, and what can give woman more downright pleasure than perfectly fitted stylish boots? Such a gift is a compliment to the *good taste* of the recipient and the *good sense* of the giver.

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Yesterday's Temperature—Max. 37; Min. 20.

Monday, December 19, 1904.

Make a Night and a Day of It.

That's a fine way to get through Christmas shopping—shop all you can during the day and then come back and enjoy the fun of night shopping. Fun? Bushels of it. Everybody is jovial and pleasant as becomes everybody the week preceding Christmas.

Come and dine with us this evening. Do. Such an evening dinner as we are presenting for the half-of-a-dollar will surprise even a gourmet. Really it is several points ahead of our Fifty-Cent Turkey Dinner, which is served through the regular dinner hour.

Great many people took their evening dinner with us Saturday, and the good words that were said of it were flattering. Those who want to save time for night shopping will take the hint.

For Comfortable Shopping Use the Early Morning Hours or After 5:30 in the Evening.

And here follows something of very particular import to people who intend sending Christmas Packages any distance.

This week the Express Companies will be choked with business. If you intend sending packages by express it is important that you register them with either one of the companies before Wednesday, to insure prompt delivery by Christmas. That means making your purchases as early this week as possible. The mails also will be heavily burdened, but they are reliable enough to insure prompt delivery if you register your purchases in time. Our Sub-Postoffice saves one the trouble of going up to the general Postoffice, and you can register here just as soon as you are through with your purchases. The Sub-Postoffice in this store will be open in the evening, and money orders can be bought and packages registered up until 9 o'clock.

Women's Gift Handkerchiefs at Every Price.

We take it that the strictly gift handkerchief starts at 50c, and we have any number of styles at this price, though, of course, we can sell you a handkerchief for 5c up to 25c. Thence prices increase by degrees to $35.00 for a very elegant lace trimmed handkerchief.

Then again we have a fine selection of real lace handkerchiefs on which prices run up to $75.00.

We name a number of the more popular styles in medium priced gift handkerchiefs—

These styles 50c each—
Lace and embroidered edge,
Hemstitched and embroidered,
Hand-worked embroidered initials,
Embroidered mourning Handkerchiefs,
Scalloped embroidered edge,
Armenian lace edge.

These styles 75c each—
Convent worked initials,
Hemstitched and embroidered edge,
Embroidered and lace trimmed,
Scalloped and embroidered,
French woven border.

These styles $1.00 each—
Lace and embroidered edge,
Hemstitched embroidered,
Scalloped and embroidered,
Point Gaze lace trimmed,
Hand-worked initials,
Embroidered mourning Handkerchiefs.

These styles $1.50 each—
Point Gaze lace edged.
French embroidered hemstitched,
Convent embroidered hemstitched,
Scalloped embroidered.

Suggestions of a Strictly Practical Nature.

But don't imagine because we say strictly practical that we mean ugly things. We don't. We mean practical things from the Housefurnishing Department, West Basement, all of them sightly, and some of them as ornamental as they are useful.

Take the Sternau Coffee Machine as an example of this two-fold quality. Nothing could be more ornamental on the table than a handsome bright copper Sternau Coffee Machine Outfit. For making coffee at the table it has no equal. There is no question of failure about coffee made with this machine. As a present from husband to wife or son to mother the Sternau Coffee Machine would surely be appreciated. See it demonstrated in the West Basement. Other suggestions along the same lines—

Five O'Clock Tea Kettles, $2.50 to $8.00.
Chafing Dishes, $2.50 to $25.00.
Baking Dishes, $1.50 to $6.50.
Stag Handle Cork Screws, 25c to $7.50.
Carving Sets, $1.50 to $25.00.
Crumb Trays and Scrapers, 75c to $3.00.
Gas Portables, $2.00 to $35.00.
Dinner Gongs, $1.00 to $18.00.
Cereal Sets, $4.00 to $12.50.
Medicine Cabinets, $1.00 to $10.00.
Kitchen Cabinets, $3.50 to $15.00.
Fowl Scissors, $3.50 to $7.00.
Bathroom Mirrors, $2.50 to $20.00.
Gas Heating Stoves, $1.00 to $25.00.

Fur Caps and Gloves for Men.

Wear furs when sleighing by all means if you would ignore the sting by which Jack Frost is wont to make himself felt. Unless warmly capped and gloved one is likely, in the enjoyment of a good sleigh ride, to overlook the cold and find oneself afterward with frosted extremities.

Coney Fur Caps, $2.00.
Electric Seal and Muskrat Caps, $3.00 and $3.50.
Genuine Alaska Seal Caps—pieced—$5.00 and $6.00.
Genuine Alaska one-piece Caps, $10.00, $15.00, $20.00, $25.00.
Cloth and Velvet Caps, 50c to $2.50.
Fur Gloves, $5.00 to $20.00.

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Work Tables—for Women Who Indulge in Needlework.

The professional seamstress, of course, has a place for everything, and everything in its place. But how about the amateur needlewoman? She takes it into her head to do a little sewing. She has to look for needles, then for thread, then for the scissors. Now, don't be offended, madam, but isn't this the case nine times out of ten, especially if there be children in the family?

And wouldn't a Work Table be the nicest sort of a present? They hold a multitude of things and take up very little room.

$8.00. Work Tables of mahogany finish—one drawer for work—two drawers for pins and needles, pin cushion on top and spool holders.

$9.00. Work Tables similar to the above in make and finish, but with turned legs, which add to the appearance.

$13.50. Work Tables of solid mahogany—three drawers, spool holders and pin cushions.

$10.00. Work Tables of mahogany—drawer for spools and small accessories—top opens for work and has leather pocket for scissors.

$15.00. Work Tables of mahogany—crotch panels—inlaid lines all around—two drawers.

$12.00. Work Tables of mahogany—glass knobs—three drawers.

$20.00. Work Tables of mahogany in Martha Washington style. One drawer with loose tray—pocket on each side, with lid.

$20.00. Work Tables of Antwerp Oak in Colonial style. Pedestal base, two drawers, two drop leaves.

$25.00. Work Tables of Crotch Mahogany in Colonial design. Four small drawers—two cupboards—glass knobs.

Misses' and Children's Apparel.

We invite the attention of those intending to give wearing apparel to misses and little girls to a line of new models we have just received, consisting of dresses made of thin materials suitable for house and party wear during the holidays. To new silk and cashmere frocks designed for home wear and a complete assortment of stylish school dresses in blue, brown and black cheviots.

At the same time we point to the fact that most decided reductions have been made in the prices of misses' tailor and fancy Suits, Jackets and three-quarter length Coats, also children's Frocks, long Coats and Reefers in various styles and sizes.

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Monday, December 19, 1904.

The use of electric illuminations at public balls has so greatly increased the possibility of fire that strenuous opposition continues to the appropriation of the pension building for the dance of the evening following the inaugural ceremony in Washington. Both the congressional library and the capitol building itself have been proposed, but there is the same objection to taking these. The pension building would seem to be the most appropriate place for the ball, especially since its architect had such a use in mind when he designed it. The interior is especially adapted to temporary decorations and the huge hall that cuts through the center is lined with pillars which can be dressed up elaborately.

Gen. Stoessel's dispatches from November 25 to December 10 have been given out at St. Petersburg and admit the capture of 203 Meter Hill by the Japanese and the fact that the vessels in the harbor have since been undergoing bombardment. The Japanese did not gain this important position until after a long struggle, involving a heavy sacrifice of life on both sides. Although the indomitable spirit of the Russian commander shines forth in his dispatches, they reveal the desperate nature of his position, and the doom of Port Arthur is fixed. A Tokyo dispatch announces that one of our military attaches has just received permission to go to Japanese headquarters to witness the fall of Port Arthur and it seems hardly likely that he will be disappointed.

Complaint has been made to President Roosevelt that a large quantity of lumber contracted for by the Panama canal commission is to be shipped from Seattle to Panama in German bottoms, while American ships are lying idle in Puget Sound. The complaint is worthy of careful investigation and the president has promised to take it up. On the statement of the congressmen from Washington, the shipping contract is in bad taste, if not worse. American vessels should have that traffic. Admiral Walker explains that the commission bought the lumber at a price including delivery and the lumber company has employed the Germans. In a way that lets the commission out of direct responsibility, but it may be fairly asked why there was no stipulation in the contract favoring American shipping.

Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, who has long favored reduction of the representation of southern states in congress, has abandoned hope that anything may be done along that line during the present session. He has been feeling the pulse of the house and finds no favorable sentiment, though several bills have been introduced in the senate. This apathy is probably due in part to the belief that the session is too short to take up so important a subject. When the Fifty-ninth congress convenes, however, there will be a better prospect for action. There will be ample time during the long session and the declaration of the Chicago platform will be operative upon that congress. There is an unmistakable growing popular sentiment for enforcement of the provisions of the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution upon those states which arbitrarily restrict the suffrage.

In the face of the defiant stand of Recorder Nicholson of the Mormon temple, the case of Reed B. Smoot looks desperate. Nicholson had been cited to appear before the committee and produce certain records. He did not bring the records. When interrogated he intimated the church preferred they should not be exhibited. Replying to a direct question he said he put his allegiance to Joseph Smith above that to the government. That reply is an admission of the contention of the prosecution that Smoot, as an apostle of the Mormon church, has sworn an allegiance to the Mormon hierarchy superior to his allegiance to his country. A man in that position ought not to sit in the senate. He is incapable, under conceivable circumstances, of doing his full duty as an agent of the government. It is not germane to argue that he might be harmless because the conceivable circumstances might not arise during his term. He is unfit.

Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, Chinese ambassador at Washington, spoke the other evening before the Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia. His theme was peace. He declared that his native land has been for many years heartily in favor of peace and disarmament. It has waged no wars of aggression against its neighbors and has desired nothing so much as to be let alone. This attitude he attributed mainly to the preponderance among the Chinese of the Confucian philosophy. Sir Chentung is more argumentative and less witty than his predecessor, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, but he follows the latter's precedent in comparing modern civilization and doctrines with those of China, in speaking to the academy. After all there is something in what they say. To occidental eyes China seems moribund, but in the Chinese view it simply wants peace. There are, however, signs that she is now aroused to the necessity of studying the arts of war in order to gain the peace of justice.

An Unsatisfactory Excuse.

Word comes from Washington that there is no prospect that anything will be done this session about railroad rate regulation, as there is no time to deal with such a weighty subject. This is undoubtedly true, as there is no time to do anything during the short session save to pass the appropriations and such bills as will not produce protracted debate. The life of the present congress expires on March 4.

But congress is not compelled to put itself in such a position as to be unable to give due consideration to important public business. This matter of constituting a tribunal with power to fix reasonable rates has not been sprung upon congress at the present session. It has been before the country many years, and has been repeatedly pressed upon the consideration of congress. It may be true that congress has not now time to attend to it, but it should not allow itself to get into such a position.

There is nothing to prevent congress from beginning its sessions in some other month besides December. It is about the worst that could be selected for the purpose, as the Christmas holidays come so soon after organization that the session does not practically begin until well into January. If congress met in September there would be time enough at any session to attend to all desirable business.

This is a matter that has been often discussed and it is generally admitted that a change would be desirable. It was not by any settled plan but as the result of a chapter of accidents that congress began to meet in December and the force of precedent has retained what is admitted to be an inconvenient practice. It is high time to institute a better practice.

Dogger Bank Inquiry.

Tomorrow has been set as the date for beginning the inquiry into the circumstances attending the Russian naval attack upon a British fishing fleet in the North sea. The international board selected comprises English, Russian, French and American experts and the board will sit and hear the evidence in Paris. Great Britain has prepared elaborately to present its side of the case, with a large number of witnesses to support it, but there is no indication yet how broad a scope the investigation will take.

Russia has not disclosed its attitude. Its original contention was that Japanese torpedo boats were concealed in the fishing fleet which made an attack upon one division of the squadron. Recently it was announced from St. Petersburg that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky admitted the two divisions of his fleet had fired upon each other, inflicting material damage. There has been no formal withdrawal of the original contention, but inasmuch as there is no probability that it could be sustained, the apparent significance of the latest Rojestvensky version is that it will not be pressed. The British demand for punishment of the guilty officers cannot well be urged if Russia pleads the blunder of one division of its squadron attacking another, with incidental injury to the innocent trawlers. Such a situation is obviously one for the application of Russian discipline, in the discretion of Russia, though it admits Russian liability for exemplary damages and ample apology. In this event the inquiry is likely to be soon ended.

China Waking Up.

It has been known that the Chinese are turning to Japan for help in fitting themselves to cope with western aggression. The significant fact is now divulged that in the last class of cadets graduated from the military school at Tokyo were 62 young Chinamen, who are now qualified for commissions in the new Chinese army. This is but the beginning of a process of regeneration whose effects will be felt before many years.

Another evidence of the awakening of China is the activity of the native press. The London Times correspondent at Pekin states that an immense extension of newspaper enterprise has taken place in the last few years, and that "there is probably not a single Chinese family in any treaty port or in the capital who does not subscribe to one or more native newspapers." It is declared that "some papers are conducted with marked ability and contain articles that would be worthy of European journals." Japan was quick to recognize the value of the native press and has established a news service which keeps the readers of Chinese newspapers informed of the progress of events in Manchuria. Russia, too, has newspaper organs, but suffers from lack of news calculated to advance Russian prestige, and misrepresentations meet with prompt exposure. The result is that Japanese influence is extending all over the empire and Japanese agents are active in all the provinces, even those most remote.

The period in which western powers could help themselves to what they wanted in China, with no effective restraint but their mutual jealousies, has passed away. New China will be very different from old China, and the fact is likely to make a great alteration in the world's affairs.

The Jamestown Celebration.

There seems to be a desire to celebrate in some way the 300th anniversary of the founding of the English colony at Jamestown, Va., in the summer of 1907, and President Roosevelt has twice referred to the matter in his messages. On the other hand, opposition comes from those who contend that we are having too many expositions and that the little village of Jamestown is too small to undertake the management of any extensive enterprise which would naturally fall to local business men. The matter has been discussed by the congressional committee of the house, which favors some other form of observance in preference to the regulation exposition, and will probably recommend that any national appropriation be made with this provision.

The occasion to be commemorated differs from the events that led to the St. Louis fair and the Lewis and Clark exposition. The latter relates to national expansion, while the former recalls the earliest English settlement on these shores and is in a sense international. The suggestion has been made that this would be a good opportunity to display the products of the south. In reply to the objection that the place is too small it is urged that there are cities near by which might take the management and some of the financial direction.

But the better suggestion would seem to be in favor of a celebration that did not imitate the industrial exhibitions with which we have become so familiar. Inasmuch as the settlement of Jamestown was made by a fleet, the idea is put forward that this centennial might be observed by an assemblage of ships of all nations. One of the most interesting naval stations in the country is near Jamestown and such a celebration might include fleet maneuvers in the Chesapeake bay.

This suggestion is worth consideration, but it might be improved upon. At any rate there ought to be sufficient ingenuity in this country to devise some means of celebrating the event without erecting another "White City."

Another Sound Boat Burns.

In a little over half a year after the dreadful disaster that overtook the Slocum, the Glen Island, another sound steamer, took fire Saturday off the coast of Connecticut and nine persons lost their lives. The weather was favorable for the saving of the passengers and crew, the boats were successfully launched and excellent discipline prevailed, so that all the conditions would seem to prevent any loss of life. In other words, if a passenger could feel safe on any wooden boat in case fire required him to abandon the craft, he ought to have survived Saturday's disaster. But the wooden vessel burned like tinder, cutting off avenues of escape to those sleeping below, and the fire originated from a defective electrical apparatus which had not been officially inspected.

It seems that the Glen Island went out of commission immediately after the Slocum disaster and thus escaped the second inspection of all sound steamers which was ordered. She was put into commission recently as a substitute for a Starin boat. But if she had been inspected a second time the main points to receive consideration would have been the life preservers and fire-fighting apparatus. There was no defect or failure of these and the fire drill was so excellent that it is said the crew worked the apparatus while still in their nightclothes. But there must be some fault if a steamer can burn so many to death when everything seemed to favor their safe removal. One defect seems to have been the material used in the construction of the boat, which had burned once before, and another in the disarrangement of the system of electric lighting.

When steel plates are in such common use for steamboat construction it would seem unsafe to grant permission to carry passengers in antiquated wooden craft. It ought to be as essential, moreover, to have inspections of lighting apparatus as of fire service, for the prevention of a blaze is of greater consequence than its extinguishment. When the system of inspecting boats was overhauled after the Slocum disaster, no requirement was suggested for maintaining a standard in the electric lighting. It is not for lack of effort upon the part of administration officials that no better system of inspection is provided, but because congress has failed to act upon the recommendations made.

The Isthmian Canal Situation.

The statement made by Chief Engineer Wallace to the congressional committee shows that much engineering work is still necessary before problems of construction can be justly appreciated. Mr. Wallace's investigations have convinced him that engineering data previously collected are defective in important respects, and conclusions based upon them are misleading. This is particularly the case as regards the valley of the Chagres, which is a gorge filled with an alluvial deposit in which the river has swung itself from one side of the valley to the other in the tortuous fashion of which the course of the Mississippi affords a well-known example. The frequent occurrence of boulders in this alluvial deposit misled engineers into thinking that they had struck bedrock, whereas it now appears that nothing is really known upon which definite plans can be based.

Mr. Wallace holds that upon the economical and efficient handling of the material from the Culebra cut depends the cost and the time of construction. All other problems are subordinate and inferior. While no estimates of time or cost can be given until the engineering data now being collected are compiled, Mr. Wallace is already prepared to say that a sea level canal would be less expensive to operate and less expensive to maintain than any other. This is the type of canal which the country will be apt to prefer, although the initial cost will be greater than that of a lock canal.

There is to be a campaign for local option in the legislature. In the discussions it will be remembered that "present company is always excepted."

Sir Chentung Liang Cheng is alive to the times. He claims for China the distinction of being the first peace advocate among the nations.

Officers escaping from Port Arthur continue to declare the fortress will never be taken. At the same time they seem glad to escape.

So much holiday shopping having been done last week, the stores will be able during this week to always find room for one more.

Fighting has been resumed in the Balkans. There is no postponement of hostilities on account of weather in that quarter.

Carrying coals to New Castle is mild by comparison with a river steamer carrying its water supply in barges.

Teachers now want to be pensioned. It might be inferred that teachers have no high opinion of their calling.

When the 144,000 eggs burned in New Castle there was not even an omelette for salvage.

Prosecutions for the sale of adulterated foods continue to furnish fees for the prosecutors.

Recorder Nicholson of the Mormon church has not been a good witness for Smoot.

Inquiry into the North sea case will begin on Tuesday, with Rojestvensky far away.

About this time winter wheat conditions begin to have speculative value.

Talked of in Gotham

By FRANK A. PARKER.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—What to do with the immigrants who land in New York in increasing numbers is a question that is worrying the immigration officials. Very few of them have heard much about America before leaving their old homes except in a general way that here there is an opportunity to improve their condition in life. Few have heard of the great west, where these opportunities exist to the greatest extent, and therefore the majority settle down in New York, or get no further away from the port of entry than Pennsylvania at the most. These facts were distinctly brought to the attention of students of sociology by Frank P. Sargeant, commissioner general of immigration, in a lecture before the League for Political Education. Last year 32 per cent of the immigrants who arrived in New York city remained in the state; that is, there were 263,150 foreigners added to the population of the Empire state in 12 months. Pennsylvania received the next highest number, 140,478, and Massachusetts came next with 58,000. Only 1,089 went to Virginia and 95 to Florida. Other agricultural states received similarly small proportions. Undoubtedly there is a demand for some action on the part of the government that will stem the tide of immigration, or at least to direct it to those sections where labor is needed. Every year is heard the cry of great lack of laborers in certain agricultural sections of the country, but this news does not seem to reach the new arrivals, and they huddle in the great centers of population, seeking work where there is the least chance of them securing it. Mr. Sargeant suggests that government officials be named whose duty it shall be to see that the new arrivals are sent to those sections where they can be most quickly made use of and be thus sooner taught the ways of the country. There is very little growth for the immigrants who are crowded together in colonies in the large cities, and this is a condition that Mr. Sargeant and other students of the problem of immigration would like to see the government solve.

And Now She Regrets It.

Because she "wouldn't take a dare," Caroline Violet Ott is decidedly interested in a case that is being heard in the state supreme court. Nearly two years ago Miss Ott went to the theater with Henry Woodcock, an old playmate. The sentiment of the play got into the young man's blood and he suggested that they leave the theater between the acts and be married. She demurred slightly, and he "dared" her to do it. With a toss of her head, the young woman accepted the challenge and in a very short while the deed was done, and they were back in the theater watching for the happy ending of the play.

After the curtain was rung down the couple went to their separate homes and no one was the wiser until a few weeks ago their secret became known, and the girl's father at once began suit for annullment of the marriage on the ground that she was under age by a few weeks at the time of the secret marriage. Now the young folks are waiting for another curtain, the one that will be rung down on their little romance, probably before the week is out.

Wagers on Life or Death.

It is a mighty hard proposition to find anything on which a gambler will not chance his money. And New York—particularly the Tenderloin section—is full of gamblers. The latest is a "book" on the chances of Nan Patterson eating Christmas dinner at home or behind the walls of Sing Sing prison. A well-known sporting man laid odds of $1,000 to $500 with a Broadway hotel clerk that the young woman would be turned free by the jury. Her attorneys seem equally confident, but the developments of the week may have an influence.

It is practically certain that the defendant will go on the stand and tell her story. She has all along been anxious to do so, but her attorneys have objected, on the ground that no case has been made out against her. They say the prosecution has only cast suspicion upon her, and that the jury must give her the benefit of the doubt. Still, she would hardly be comfortable carrying that doubt through the rest of her life.

Cuts His Patient's Throat.

Doctors sometimes take long chances to save a patient's life—and sometimes they win. That was the experience of Dr. E. I. Huppert of St. John's hospital, who quickly cut a man's throat to save him from choking to death. James Fay, an attendant at the hospital, was eating dinner when an oyster stuck in his throat. Dr. Huppert was quickly called, but not knowing what he was wanted for, did not have his instruments with him. Without a moment's hesitation, however, the doctor opened his pocket knife, made an incision in the man's throat and inserted his finger. In an instant the choking was relieved, and it only became necessary to cure Fay of the wound made with the knife. Now everybody who knows Dr. Huppert is congratulating him on his nerve. However, one is inclined to wonder what these same people would have said had the doctor's hurried operation not resulted favorably.

Jackies to Celebrate Christmas in Port.

Not until after Christmas will the large fleet of battleships and cruisers at the New York navy yard sail for the West Indies for the winter cruise, and for that reason every officer, as well as every enlisted man, is offering thanks to the authority that permitted them to spend that holiday in port, for while Christmas is always an enjoyable day on an American man-of-war, the officers and men prefer to spend the day near a large city.

It is now the play to have the larger number of the boats, including the flagship Kearsarge, with Rear Admiral Barker, leave the New York station on Tuesday, December 27. The other boats in the fleet now at the yard or at Tomkinsville are the battleships Illinois, Kentucky, Alabama and Texas, and the Massachusetts is due at the yard on Friday, December 23, to go in dry dock, although her recent accident may delay her. The cruisers of the fleet are the Minneapolis, Tacoma and Chattanooga.

Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, the commandant of the yard, expects that he will have several of the boats of the fleet out of the yard, either at Tomkinsville or in the North river, before Christmas day.

Millionaires Can "Go Some."

Down a glistening, icy chute, the Rockefellers, the Goulds and other enthusiastic members of the Ardsley club are tobogganing these days at the rate of 110 miles an hour. They have built a toboggan slide, said to be the slippiest and the fastiest in the world, on the golf links a mile from the Hudson river, and by the rays of sun or moon or by electric light they go whizzing down the covered runway in 17 seconds. It is 2,200 feet long and at the foot there is a course over the snow of 700 feet more. The Empire State express, which passes along the marge of the stream, may be seen occasionally crawling along at the rate of a mile a minute. There are trains which have attained 80 miles, but these are not in the same category with the toboggan cannon-ball expresses. John D. Rockefeller is a subscriber to the enterprise, but so far, although he has looked at the swift descent a few times, he has not essayed it.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the leading New York hotels today:

Waldorf-Astoria.
J. M. Atcheson,
L. Dilworth,
S. Severance.

Holland.
J. G. Evans.

Imperial.
B. Haas,
H. A. Rogers,
H. R. Burton,
C. A. Steele,
C. A. Smith.

Fifth Avenue.
Mrs. J. R. Mellon.
S. B. Walton,
S. C. Graham,
Mrs. Graham,
C. C. Henderson,
W. T. Drill,
Mrs. Drill.

Astor House.
G. H. Harvey,
E. H. Dawson,
C. C. Schade,
H. C. Campbell.

Manhattan.
A. M. Pearson.

Breslin.
C. M. Bruhberg.

Navarre.
A. S. King.

Grand.
E. J. Donnelly,
W. J. Lange.

Royal Arms.
H. C. Cushing.

Park Avenue.
E. O'Connell.

Broadway Central.
H. Lichtman,
W. P. Carter.

Hotel Astor.
J. S. Beckwith.

Criterion.
W. Hough.

Grand Union.
H. N. Dunn,
Mrs. Dunn,
C. Crothers,
Mrs. Crothers,
M. Emmett,
Mrs. Emmett.

Sayer.
S. W. Kaufmann,
Miss Morris.

Hotel York.
J. A. Clark,
Mrs. Clark.

Herald Square.
E. Stanley,
J. H. Gordon.

The Quiet Observer.

By ERASMUS WILSON.

Christmas holiday business has grown to immense proportions and is still growing.

And why not?

Have we not been educating the people up to it ever since the war, or before?

Then the excitement or craze was confined to the children, and to such an extent were they indulged that they grew up to be regular Santa Claus' friends, so to speak.

Everywhere, on the street, in the store or shop, you see mothers and elderly women crowding and pushing to get a glimpse of "old Santa," much as they did when they were children. Indeed some of these old children are crazier in their conduct than are the younger ones.

We make the great bluff that this is a children's holiday, and it is largely a bluff. The children are put off with a few cheap toys while grown people gobble the more valuable prizes and strut around showing them to those who were in need but got nothing.

Having been taught along these lines from infancy, what else can be expected if there is any virtue in that which we call education?

Children, you know, are all the more foolish the older they grow. This is what makes the so-called Christmas shopping appear so ridiculous. Grown-up kids are amusing to look at, and yet are worthy objects of pity.

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There is no fault to be found with Christmas holidays as an institution, but the abuse of it is hardly commendable, to say the least, and that it is being abused all thoughtful, reasonable people will concede.

To these it appears quite clear that the aim and purpose of this institution have been practically reversed. Instead of being a time for giving it is now looked forward to as a time for receiving, a time for being made glad instead of making glad.

Some there are, and not a few, who desire valuable presents, and are not slow to hint or to plainly state what particular things they want, and from whom they expect to receive them.

This is nothing more nor less than a species of highway robbery, a demand to stand and deliver the goods as specified, a manifestation of a spirit the very reverse of that which should prevail on this occasion.

And yet it has been developed in a perfectly natural and entirely scientific way, the way in which a spirit of patriotism or of disloyalty or of anything may be developed—by first interesting the children and then keeping up the interest until they have grown into mature men and women.

The offspring of these will be born with tendencies toward the same, and with the encouragement given by their enthusiastic parents, will naturally develop into still greater enthusiasts if not into mild cranks, or even into desperate cranks.

Are we not all creatures of our environment, be it good, bad or indifferent?

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The educational features of Christmas time could hardly be worse, being calculated to develop a spirit of selfishness, if not of both selfishness and greed, rather than of generosity and good will.

Good will to man is the exponent or key note of the true Christmas spirit.

This spirit prompts man to give unto his fellowman according to his needs, but not according to his desires, for in these we are all constrained to be more or less extravagant.

To give to those who are not in need is contrary to the spirit of Christmas time, for that is a waste of means and material that might be bestowed where they would meet a pressing need.

As you know, blessings are promised to the giver, but not to the receiver. And as this should be a season rich in blessing, no thought should be given to receiving; only to giving—giving that which is needed and to those who may be in need.

Do you thus observe the good-will festival established by Him who gave but asked not in return?

You will hardly deny that more, many times more, is given to those who need it not than to those who not only need, but who will appreciate the gift and bless the giver.

Happiness is the reward for those who give from the heart out, and happy people are the best people, the most prosperous and useful people on earth, and there will be use for them in heaven.

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Crazes are profitable only to those who make money out of them, and there are many who make it a point to encourage fads, crazes and fancies and then work them for all they are worth.

As a rule those who get the most money out of the Christmas craze don't care a snap for it other than as a chance to line their own pockets with the profits on a lot of truck that could not be sold at any other time.

This is business, in a sense, therefore legitimate, in a sense.

And there are many persons engaged in legitimate trade and traffic who dread the coming of the Christmas holidays because they bring a rush of rather undesirable business. These people would gladly do away with the excesses that have developed in this particular trade, but cannot afford to do so. These are waiting and hoping for a turn in the long lane, but it is not yet in sight, nor can it be definitely or even approximately located.

Pittsburgh has the distinction of being the best Christmas trade city in the whole country, and its peculiar distinction is its trade in Christmas trees, leading in its demands every other city and many entire states.

Carload after carload of these trees, for trees they have grown to be, are brought from New England, where vast acres of pine land are given over to their growth. Like Topsy, they simply grow there without care or culture, and are, therefore, nearly clear profit to the land owners.

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To say a word against the Christmas craze is not a popular thing to do, even though a majority of the people are ready to admit, on the quiet, that it is more or less of a bore, and threatens to sooner or later become a nuisance.

Any good thing may be abused, and many good things have been, and are being abused, and this particular festival is one of them.

It is right and proper to encourage to give in a spirit of good will, and to those who will be blessed by receiving, give soulful blessings in return.

And it is entirely right and proper for parents to give to their children according to their needs or tastes, provided they are made to understand that it is more blessed to give than to receive, so that when they are to manhood and womanhood grown they will be inclined to give to those who need, and without expecting something of like value in return.

There are but few among us who would not gladly welcome a return of the old-fashioned Christmas with its simple customs and homely joys.

But we may never see it, for the good old Christmas times have gone, never to return as they once were; and yet it is possible to so change the present methods and manners as to render them less burdensome and more helpful to those who need help, thus bringing true happiness to many.

It is the foolishness of the times that renders the Christmas holidays as much a season of burden as of pleasure, of sadness as of joy.

IT IS TO SMILE.

The Barber (lathering customer and gazing out of window)—I tell you, sir, the man who shaves himself keeps the bread and butter out of some poor barber's mouth.

The Customer (fiercely)—And incidentally the lather out of his own!—Puck.

Officer—If you haven't a license you will have to accompany me.

Organ Grinder—All right sir; what will you sing?—Judge.

In times past men used to go around singing carols in the gray Christmas dawn; after all, we owe something to our modern police system.

See that your stockings are right side out; never turn the hose on Santa Claus.

The man who takes his Christmas dinner alone at the club may prefer solitude to making hosts of friends.—Town Topics.

Uncle eGorge—Your hands are rather dirty, Willie. What have you been doing—been making mud pies?

Willie—I haven't been doing nothing but practice my piano lesson.

Uncle George—Guess you played mostly on the black notes.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Knicker—I see the Mormons will give a divorce even after you are dead.

Mrs. de Kota—How perfectly lovely!

The Nation's Capital

By L. W. STRAYER.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay's recommendations to congress recently asking for increased salaries for certain consuls and increased expense allowances, principally rent, for a number of consular offices, has called attention to the fact that Uncle Sam's representatives abroad are very much underpaid. The diplomatic service is full of life and activity. It appeals to men who find pleasure in having a hand in great affairs, and there are social and other features connected with a diplomatic post that makes these appointments very much sought after. But it is a fact with respect to these positions, as with many other positions of great honor and responsibility under the United State government, that a poor man cannot afford to accept them.

Just make a mental estimate of the expense which an American ambassador is obliged to meet in maintaining a position in keeping with the dignity and importance of his office and imagine how much he will have left at the end of the year out of his $17,500 salary. For that is the highest salary paid by the United States to any of its diplomatic officers. There are just seven men representing this country abroad who hold ambassadorial rank. The countries to which they are accredited and the salaries they receive are as follows: Austria-Hungary, $12,000; France, $17,500; Germany, $17,500; Great Britain, $17,500; Italy, $12,000; Mexico, $17,500; Russia, $17,500.

Importance of Ambassadorial Rank.

That there are a number of diplomatic representatives of this country now holding the title of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary who should be raised to the rank of ambassador there is not the slightest doubt. Experience has impressed this fact upon the state department very emphatically. Under the international rule that governs these matters, an ambassador is the personal representative of the sovereign or president of his country, while a minister is the representative of his government.

Under ordinary circumstances the distinction is of no particular importance, but there are occasions when the advantage of the ambassador over the minister is keenly felt. As the representative of the person of the head of his country the ambassador is entitled to transact business directly with the sovereign of the country to which he is accredited. On the other hand, unless the observance of the rule is waived, the minister is obliged to transact his business with the foreign office of the country to which he is sent and is not entitled to approach the person of the sovereign. For instance, Ambassador Choate has the right to go direct to King Edward and lay the matter before him. But if a question of the same importance should arise in Spain, Minister Hardy would have no right to approach King Alfonso on the subject, but would be obliged to deal with the Spanish foreign office.

Minister Leishman Handicapped.

The most striking illustrations of the disadvantage under which some of our ministers labor have been furnished in our dealings with Turkey. There the sultan is the government. All power is centered in him, and for reasons which he considers of the highest importance he does not delegate it to any of his officials. To be sure there is a minister of foreign affairs, but he is little more than a clerk, holding no authority to transact the business that would naturally fall to his office. Our minister, John G. A. Leishman of Pittsburgh, has thus been greatly handicapped by his rank, since as a minister he is not entitled to a personal audience with the sultan on diplomatic questions. And as the foreign office is unable to adjust the questions which he brings before it, except upon the specific authorization of the sultan, it is easy to see the difficulties under which Minister Leishman has worked. And yet in the face of these difficulties Mr. Leishman has been remarkably successful in his handling of the interests of the United States at Constantinople, which is a tribute to his ability and does not lessen the need of promotion of our minister at that court to ambassadorial rank.

The Original Law Stands.

In the early days of this government when the fathers were straightening out some of the tangled questions that confronted them, this question of diplomatic rank was settled. Congress had proposed to send ambassadors to all the leading courts of the world and ministers plenipotentiary to the lesser capitals. But this question of title and rank was one that roused the plain men who had been instrumental in the formation of the republic, and many of them strenuously objected to endowing any officer with rank at a foreign court that would entail the wearing of gold braid and buttons that might be construed as inconsistent with plain republicanism.

After some discussion it was finally agreed that our diplomatic officers should bear the same rank as those sent to Washington from foreign countries. To those that sent ambassadors we would accredit ambassadors, and those who sent ministers here would receive ministers at their courts. In other words, the rank of our diplomatic representatives was left entirely to the powers which sent their representatives to us. And there the law stands today. Congress can at any time raise the rank of any minister by passing a special act. The time is not far distant when it will see the wisdom of adopting this course.

Salaries of Ministers.

There are in the diplomatic service 20 ministers, whose salaries range from $4,000 to $12,000. They have practically the same social responsibilities at their posts, and consequently the same expense as ambassadors, and yet their salaries are very much lower as a rule. The countries to which they are accredited and the salaries they receive are as follows: Argentine Republic, $10,000; Belgium, $10,000; Bolivia, $7,500; Brazil, $12,000; Chile, $10,000; China, $12,000; Colombia, $10,000; Cuba, $12,000; Denmark, $7,500; Dominican Republic, $5,000; Ecuador, $7,500; Greece, Roumania and Servia, $7,500; Guatemala and Honduras, $10,000; Haiti, $7,500; Japan, $12,000; Korea, $7,500; Liberia, $4,000; Netherlands and Luxemburg, $10,000; Nicaragua, Costa Rica and San Salvador, $10,000; Panama, $10,000; Paraguay and Uruguay, $7,500; Persia, $7,500; Peru, $10,000; Portugal, $7,500; Siam, $7,500; Spain, $12,000; Sweden and Norway, $7,500; Turkey, $10,000; Venezuela, $10,000.

One of the recommendations of Secretary Hay this year is the establishment of a mission to Roumania and Servia and the appointment of a minister to those countries. At the present the minister to Greece looks after American interests in Roumania and Servia, but the state department has found this arrangement impracticable. It is proposed to combine Greece and the principality of Montenegro under one mission and Roumania and Servia under another. American trade interests in the two latter countries are becoming so large as to make the establishment of a separate mission a necessity.

No Sinecure in Liberia.

It was but a short time ago that Servia was thrown into confusion by the murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga at Belgrade. At that time the need of an American minister in that country to guard American interests and keep the state department informed of developments was felt. Another recommendation of the department is that the salary of the minister resident and consul general to Liberia be raised from $4,000 to $7,500 a year. It is a journey of 8,000 miles from the United States to Monrovia and it cost the present minister $2,000, or half a year's salary, to take his family to his post. It is urged by the department that living expenses in Liberia are very high and the statement is made that "the present minister, during a residence of 15 months at Monrovia, has had 15 attacks of what is known as 'black water fever.' For each visit of a physician a fee of $5 is charged." Surely not all diplomatic posts are sinecures.

In the United States consular service there are 54 consuls general, 213 consuls and 11 commercial agents on salary. There are in addition six consuls who receive salaries but are permitted to engage in other business. Besides these there are 30 consuls and 17 commercial agents in various parts of the world who receive only fees and who look after American interests merely as a side line. Secretary Hay has this year asked for salary increases for 74 consular officers and in nearly every instance the reason given is the increased cost of living in the countries where these officers are located.

PAINTINGS IN CARNEGIE GALLERIES (No. 17.)

"THE OLD FISHERWOMAN," by Hans von Bartels. South Gallery, East Wall. No. 18.

This work is an intimate portrayal of an old Dutch woman in a tiled and plastered kitchen; daylight shines brightly through the window and at the same time the fire on the hearth throws a ruddy glow over the old face deeply marked by daily toil, and illumines the outstretched hand.

Hans von Bartels, Munich, Germany; born, Hamburg, Germany. Honorary member of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colors, London; Royal Water Color Society, Belgium; Art Academy, Munich, and of the Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam. Ordinary member of the Academy of Fine Arts, Berlin. Represented in the Cantonal Picture gallery, Freiburg; museum, Breslau; Pinakothek, Munich; National gallery, Berlin; Prague museum; National gallery, Magdeburg; Stuttgart gallery; Hungarian gallery, Budapest; Art hall, Hamburg; museums, Elberfeld and Prague; Museum Rivolsella, Trieste. Knight (first class) Royal Albrecht Order of Saxony; Knight (second class) Royal Order of Michael of Bavaria. Gold medals, Paris, Munich, Berlin, Vienna, Barcelona and Budapest.

ILLNESS DROVE TWO TO SUICIDE

Samuel Richardson Opens an Artery in Leg While Dying in Bed from Consumption.

BAUGHMAN WAS MELANCHOLY

Two men committed suicide in Allegheny county yesterday. Both used knives. Ill health was responsible for both cases. Samuel M. Richardson, a telegraph operator, hastened with a penknife the end which was hourly expected from consumption. Richardson was found dead at 7 o'clock in the morning at his home on the Elcher road, Emsworth borough. He had committed suicide probably an hour before by severing the femeral artery in his leg with a penknife while he lay in bed sick with consumption. His brother said he had had consumption for a year and a half and that he became so much worse lately that the family expected him to die at any time. The brother sat up with him until 1:30 in the morning yesterday. His mother went to his room at 7 o'clock and found him unconscious and the bed coverings saturated with blood. She aroused his brother, who went to the room and found him dead, his penknife lying on the bed and a wound in his leg. Richardson was a member of Clifton lodge No. 1068, I. O. O. F., and Independent Order of Americans No. 474. He was aged 29.

John Baughman, a laborer employed by the Pittsburgh Provision Company at Herrs Island, cut his throat at his boarding house, 112 Lincoln avenue, Millvale. He was known at the plant as "Uncle John," many of the workmen not knowing his real name. He became melancholy lately on account of continued illness, and from the fact that he purchased a dirk knife a few days ago it is presumed he contemplated taking his life, as the new knife was the instrument used.

Baughman left his work at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, complaining of not feeling well, and went home. An hour later he was found in his room with his throat cut. He was sent to the Allegheny General hospital, where he died at 2:30 o'clock, an hour after being sent there. Baughman was a single man about 45 years old.

LUTHERANS DEDICATE NEW CHURCH AT WILMERDING

Built at Cost of $8,000 and Spectators Contribute Liberally to Defray the Indebtedness.

The handsome new church of Christ Lutheran congregation at Wilmerding was dedicated yesterday in the presence of hundreds of people. It is of brick and stone and cost $8,000. At the morning service $1,600 was raised to defray the indebtedness of the congregation, while $200 more was contributed for the same purpose at a platform meeting in the afternoon. At the services in the evening the amount was increased to nearly $2,500. The seating capacity of the new church is about 400, and that of the Sunday school room 300. The Rev. H. C. Michael, pastor of the congregation, was in charge of the services.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. S. P. Nicholas, president of the Pittsburgh synod, at 10:30 a. m., and at a platform meeting in the afternoon the Rev. W. Poffenberg of Vandergrift opened the services, which were participated in by local clergymen of Wilmerding. At the service last evening visiting Lutheran clergymen took part.

The congregation, which was started five years ago under the board of home missions, has a membership now of 118. Soon after the organization of the congregation the Rev. Mr. Michael was called and the present new structure is due in great measure to his efforts.

NOTED SCULPTOR IS HERE.

Franklin Simmons Says Pittsburgh Could Be Beautified With Statuary.

Franklin Simmons, a noted American sculptor with a studio at Rome, Italy, is at the Hotel Schenley and is visiting friends in this city preparatory to a trip to Washington, D. C., where he goes to consult regarding additional statuary. Mr. Simmons is the sculptor of the equestrian statue of Gen. Logan in Washington, the statue of former Gov. Pierpont of Virginia, in the capitol building, and other notable statues and groups in Washington.

Mr. Simmons stated last night that he thought Pittsburgh possessed many exquisite specimens of statuary, but believed the city could be beautified greatly by the addition of figure monuments on public squares and in the public parks.

Interesting Engagement Announced.

Announcement was made in this city yesterday of the engagement of William Boas Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wood, 3127 Elsworth avenue, and Miss Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Lamb of Richmond, Ind. No date has as yet been set for the wedding.

RULES FOR INSPECTION OF RIVER STEAMBOATS

Secretary Metcalf Approves Those Arising from General Slocum Disaster.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor has approved a number of important changes in the rules and regulations of the board of supervising inspectors of the steamboat inspection service. The changes are the result of the protracted meeting of the board of supervising inspectors, which followed soon after the disaster by fire to the steamboat General Slocum at New York.

Rule III provides for details of metallic life boat construction, requires metal air tanks in wooden lifeboats, increases the requisite lifeboat capacity on river steamers, prohibits the use of loos or granulated cork in life preservers and the use of kapok life preservers, supplies additional details concerning the covers of life preservers and the method of attaching straps, requires life preservers to be suspended on wooden slats by cotton cord, and not by wire insists upon one life preserver for every passenger and every member of the crew, specifies details of the use of hand pumps, fire hose and boats and rails on barges carrying passengers and demands additional watertight bulkheads on larger vessels.

According to rule IV passenger steamers must be provided with fire buckets, barrels and axes and steam fire branches in lamp lockers, oil rooms and light compartments; steam fire pumps throwing a stream 50 feet, through at least two fire connections; gauges on pumps and a relief valve adjusted to lift at 100 pounds pressure.

Rule VIII concerns excursion steamers, fixes the number of licensed officers and requires one additional watchman for every 250 persons carried. All excursion barges in tow must carry one master and two deckhands for every 250 persons, and a life preserver for every person.

Rule IX, on the duties of inspectors, reduces the required joint inspection by both hull and boiler inspectors to hydrostatic pressure, pumps, hose and other fire apparatus, and stipulates that all hose is to be subjected to a pressure of 100 pounds to the square inch and that the hose coupling must be securely fastened.

BEHIND THE STEPPERS.

Jingling Bells and Smart Turnouts Were Features of Especial Interest in Schenley Park.

There were more sleighers than sightseers in Schenley park yesterday. It was a fine day for sleighing, but the average visitor on foot has not yet learned that Schenley park, snowbound, has beauties of its own, so he stayed away and left the roads and the beauties to the man who could afford a smart turnout. Among those who enjoyed a spin were J. S. Wightman, president of select council, and City Treasurer John F. Steel, who sat in a cutter built for four, Mr. Steel driving two spirited horses.

Although there is no regular flower show in the conservatory, the calla lilies are much better than they have been this year. There is also a brave show of poinsettas, while the economic plants and the palms and ferns are as green as ever, a verdant oasis in a desert of snow and bare tree trunks.

There were some visitors to the "zoo" in Highland park, mostly grown-ups. The organ recital by Prof. E. H. Lemare in the Carnegie music hall was attended by several hundred persons.

Raided Earley's Home.

Inspector R. H. Robinson, with a squad of police, raided the house of B. A. Earley, 1401 Poplar alley, yesterday and arrested Earley and 10 visitors, six men and four women. All are negroes.

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ALLEGED MAFIA LEADERS ARRESTED AT CARBONDALE

Warrants Charge One of Them With Shooting a Member of the Board.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

SCRANTON, Dec. 18.—Two arrests were made today by the police of alleged leaders of the Carbondale mafia. One of them is John Costa of New York, who has been making monthly visits to the Italian colony, and who is said to be the go-between for the New York headquarters and the Carbondale branch of the mafia, was caught after a roundup of the colony. He was found hiding under a bed in the home of a member of the gang.

The warrant for his arrest specifically charges him with shooting Pasquale Cerretti November 11, last. Cerretti was a member of the gang who made threats to disclose secrets of the organization after he had had a rupture with the officers of the band about a division of the spoils. The other man arrested is Frank Mazurka, who is accused of levying tribute on Carmen Pretro, under threats to cut out his eyes and burn down his house. Both prisoners are in jail.

Charged With Embezzlement.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Charged with the embezzlement of city and county funds, James Daugherty, a police court clerk, was arrested late last night and placed under bond of $100 pending arraignment next Wednesday. The affidavit charges the embezzlement of $10, but it is only a forerunner to an investigation of a reported shortage of about $1,600, as vouched for by an examiner from the state auditor's office. Daugherty was a candidate for re-election but has withdrawn.

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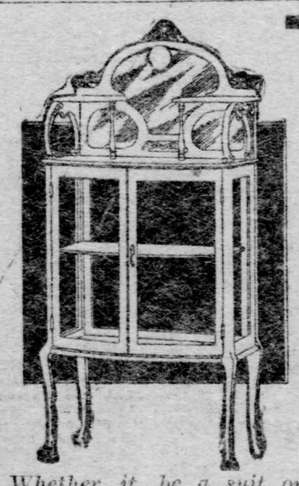

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BATTLE IN A HOTEL OFFICE

T. Edward King, aged 22, of Baltimore, came from New York Saturday night to shoot Frances Hill, a chorus girl, and was arrested in the Bachelor hotel, Sixth avenue and Grant street, yesterday afternoon as he was about to execute his mission. A 38-caliber revolver was taken from King by Detectives Eagan and Cole after a struggle, and he was taken to the Central station. This morning the girl will appear against him.

King is infatuated with the girl. She is pretty and bright and aged about 20. About a year ago King met her at the Monumental theater, Baltimore, where he was employed as treasurer. The girl appeared there twice. Once with the "Johnny, Come Marching Home" company and the next time with the "World Beaters."

As a result of his infatuation King took $50 from his employers and was discharged, but not prosecuted. Then he went to the girl's home in Elizabeth, N. J. Last October the girl left him and went to Paterson, N. J., and King traced her there. The girl was seeking employment and went to John Kenyon, a theatrical manager of that city. King invited Kenyon to his room in the Royal hotel to learn where the girl was staying.

Kenyon told King he was not certain of her whereabouts. King did not believe this and drew a revolver and shot at Kenyon twice. The theatrical man took the weapon from him and King left.

November last King went to the Palace hotel in Newark, N. J., and attempted to commit suicide by asphyxiation. He turned on the gas in his bedroom, but was rescued before the fumes killed him. He was sent to a hospital and recovered. When searched at the Central station yesterday newspaper clippings containing accounts of his attempt to kill himself, were found on him. One of his interviews read:

"When I found that I was dying a million thoughts flashed through my head. Thirty thousand devils, each bearing the image of the girl, appeared before me. When I realized that I was dying I tried to save myself, but was too weak."

King was arrested when able to leave the hospital and the Hill girl went there to help him. She pawned her diamonds, but when King got out of trouble he refused to work or assist her, and she came to Pittsburgh to obtain employment. King hired a detective in Newark to find his sweetheart. Friday he learned she was in this city and Saturday night he arrived here and went to the hotel. The girl roomed in Wylie avenue, but took her meals at the hotel where King was stopping.

Through some theatrical friends the girl learned King was in the city. About 9 o'clock she went to the hotel and saw him in the hallway. King sent for her, but in the meantime the girl sent to the detective bureau and Officers Cole and Eagan responded. She told them her trouble, and they suggested she walk in the office of the hotel, where King was waiting, and if he attempted any violence they would arrest him. She walked up to King, and asked:

"Do you want to see me?"

"Yes," replied King, as he reached in his coat pocket.

The detectives rushed at him and Eagan knocked him to the floor. They took the revolver out of his inside coat pocket. King renewed the struggle when he got on his feet, and Eagan again knocked him down.

The second blow from the detective brought King to his senses and he walked to the station house.

King says the woman is his wife, but she denies this. According to the prisoner they were married in Baltimore. The girl says she is the wife of Fred Slicker, a nephew of former Mayor Wagner of Brooklyn. She says divorce proceedings have been commenced by her husband and they will be separated by the New York courts this month. King blames the loss of his position and his downfall upon the woman. He says he had $1,400 in bank when he met her and it was all scattered to please her whims. The girl is known here as Norma Clark and Georgia Billard.

The Death Roll.

Prof. Edward Keller.

Prof. Edward Keller, aged 57, widely known in local musical circles, died at his home, 125 Climax street, yesterday morning from heart disease after an illness of but three days. He was born in Ratibor, Germany, and was the son of Dr. Gustave, an inspector in an academy in that place. He was educated in German universities and came to this country, locating in Pittsburgh in 1868. He played in the orchestra of Trimble's variety theater upon his arrival, and later was a member of other theater orchestras. For eight years he was a teacher in the Humboldt school, South Side, and for the past 12 years had conducted a school in music in Knoxville, also giving tuition in Latin, Greek and French. He was a director in several singing societies and a member of Dallas lodge of the Free Masons, and Arion lodge, Royal Arcanum. He is survived by his widow and seven children: Mrs. Helen Mattan, Enon; Mrs. Mada Balderston, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Mrs. Mathilda Johnson, Allentown; Bertha, teacher in the Allen school, and Clarence, Gertrude and Mary, at home. Funeral services will take place at the family home tomorrow afternoon, when the Rev. W. A. Jones of the Knoxville Presbyterian church and the Rev. G. Frobst of the Smithfield street German Lutheran church will officiate.

William P. Faas.

William P. Faas, aged 58, died at his home, 252 Forty-fifth street, late Saturday night after a short illness of pneumonia. Deceased was a son-in-law of the late Fire Chief William J. White, and was at one time an inspector in the highways and sewers department. At the time of his death he was a director of the Dalzell Republican club of the Seventeenth ward, and was a prominent member of Fort Pitt Lodge I. O. O. F. and Arsenal Encampment, I. O. O. F. A widow and five sons, Frank W., Clifton B., Wilson A., Ronald F. and H. Lowry, survive.

James M. Ritchie.

James M. Ritchie, aged 50, of Sewickley, died yesterday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Andrew S. Ritchie, in West Main street, Washington, Pa. He was formerly purchasing agent for the Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad, and later served as auditor for the H. C. Frick Coke Company. He was born in Washington, and graduated from Washington and Jefferson college in 1875. In 1884 he married Miss Annie C. Boyle, daughter of Capt. B. W. Boyle, a well-known riverman of Sewickley. She survives him with one son, Charles Ritchie.

Dr. Conrad Wesselhoft.

Dr. Conrad Wesselhoft, a homeopathic physician of national reputation, died Saturday night at Newton Center, Mass. Dr. Wesselhoft was formerly president of the American Institute of Homeopathy and one of the two surviving members of the original faculty of the Boston University medical school. He was born in Germany in 1854, and practiced for 47 years in the United States.

Obituary Notes.

James Walsh, a brother of Police Capt. Peter Walsh, is dead at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Kelly, 84 Magee street, from pneumonia. He will be buried from the church of the Epiphany this morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary Hayes, aged 79, widow of David Hayes, died suddenly at her home in Noble street, Shadyside, yesterday morning from heart failure. Four children, David, James and Thomas Hayes, and Mrs. John Braun, all of Shadyside, survive. The funeral will be at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

DIED.

ANDERSON—On Sunday, December 18, 1904, at 5 p. m., at her home, 1108 Brown street, Allegheny, EMILY ANDERSON, wife of Gust. Anderson, in her 41st year.

Funeral from her late residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

BROWN—At his residence, No. 350 Maple avenue, Edgewood, on Friday, December 14, 1904, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., JOHN K. BROWN, husband of Esther Little Brown, in the 77th year of his age.

Funeral services Monday morning, December 19, 1904, at 11 o'clock, at First Methodist Protestant church, Union avenue, Allegheny. Interment private at Unionvale cemetery.

FAAS—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 11:30 p. m., WILLIAM P. FAAS, aged 57 years.

Funeral services at his late residence, 252 Forty-fifth street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GIBBON—Suddenly on Sunday, December 18, 1904, at 4:30 o'clock a. m., MARGARET THOMAS, wife of Joel Gibbon, in her 47th year.

Funeral services at the family residence, 4253 Second avenue, near Rutherglen street, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Interment on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HUHN—On Sunday, December 18, 1904, at 11:30 o'clock p. m., at the residence of her son, Charles A. Huhn, 26 Fifth street, Aspinwall, ELIZABETH, relict of Valentine Huhn, aged 76 years.

Notice of funeral later.

JONES—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 7:15 p. m., at 190 Main street, West End, EVAN JONES, in his 60th year.

Funeral services at the residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited.

LOURIMORE—On Sunday, December 18, 1904, at 5 a. m., MARY WILSON, widow of Robert Lourimore, in her 83d year.

Funeral services at her late residence, 2823 Wylie avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

(New Brighton (Pa.) papers please copy.)

M'ELHANEY—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 9:30 p. m., HOWARD ALFRED, only son of John H. and Frances McElhaney, nee McEwen, aged 7 months.

Funeral services Tuesday at 11 a. m. at the residence of the parents, Bruce station B. & O. railroad, Wheeling division, Snowden township, Pa. Friends of the family are respectfully invited. Interment in Bethel cemetery.

M'ROBERTS—On Sunday, December 18, 1904, at 4:20 a. m., INA G., daughter of W. J. and Peninah McRoberts, in her 24th year.

Funeral services Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at her parents' residence, 5115 Dauphin street, East End. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

(Johnstown papers please copy.)

MUELLER—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 11:20 a. m., at his residence, Center avenue, Glenfield borough, WILLIAM E. MUELLER.

Funeral services at St. Marys Catholic church, Glenfield, Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MUIR—On Friday, December 16, 1904, at 3:15 p. m., LESLIE MUIR, in his 67th year, late of Dundee, Scotland.

Funeral from residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Joseph S. Phillips, at No. 36 Ellsworth avenue, Bellevue, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

RICHARDSON—On Sunday, December 18, 1904, S. M. RICHARDSON, son of the late C. J. and Sarah Richardson, and a member of Clifton lodge No. 1066, I. O. O. F., and Independent Order of Americans No. 474, in the 29th year of his age.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 110 Eicher road, Emsworth, on Tuesday at 1 o'clock p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Unlondale cemetery.

RITCHIE—On Sunday, December 18, 1904, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Jane Ritchie, Washington, Pa., JAMES M'FADDEN RITCHIE of Sewickley, Pa., in his 51st year.

Funeral services at Trinity Episcopal church, Washington, Pa., Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Please omit flowers.

(New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Buffalo papers please copy.)

ROE—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 10:20 p. m., at her home, Walnut street, Sewickley, Pa., MARY EICHER, widow of Walter C. Roe, in her 79th year.

Funeral services this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment private Tuesday.

ROEGER—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 11:15 a. m., at her residence, 67 Fox Braam street, ANNA MARGARET ROEGER (nee Zeelhofer), wife of George Ph. Roeger, in her 59th year.

Funeral services on Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

SIEBERT—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 4 o'clock p. m., ANNA K. SIEBERT, relict of Bartlet Siebert, aged 84 years. She is survived by six daughters and two sons.

Funeral from her late residence, Ross township, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SPEER—On Saturday, December 17, 1904, at 12:30 p. m., WILLIAM H. SPEER, aged 66 years.

Services at his late residence, 431 Second street, Braddock, Pa., this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Interment private.

WILLIAMS—On Thursday, December 15, 1904, MARY A. WILLIAMS, relict of Joseph D. Williams, in the 83d year of her age.

Funeral services to be held at her late residence, Boston, Pa., Monday, December 19, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment in Mt. Vernon cemetery. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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Cleveland "Flyer"	* 7:00 am	* 6:50 pm
Youngst'n & Cleve. Mail	* 8:30 am	* 5:10 pm
Buffalo and Erie Express	† 8:30 am	† 7:15 pm
Buffalo and Eastern Exp	†12:35 pm	† 7:15 pm
Lake Chaut'qua Fast Line	*12:25 pm	* 6:30 am
Buffalo and Erie Express	† 5:00 pm	* 9:45 pm
Cleveland and Chicago Ex	* 2:59 pm	*12:50 pm
Boston Special	† 5:00 pm	* 6:35 am
Cleve. & Detroit "Flyer"	* 6:15 pm	*11:15 am
Chicago Limited	* 6:15 pm	* 6:35 pm
Buffalo and Cleveland Ex	*10:30 pm	* 6:35 pm
Youngstown Accom	† 5:30 am	* 9:00 am
Beaver Falls Accom	† 6:40 am	† 8:35 am
Beaver Falls Accom	† 8:00 am	† 9:30 am
New Castle Accom	†11:55 am	† 4:15 pm
Beaver Falls Accom	† 3:30 am	†12:15 am
New Castle Express	† 4:20 pm	† 7:30 am
New Castle Express	† 9:30 am	† 1:10 pm
Beaver Falls Express	† 5:25 pm	† 6:50 am
Brownsville Accom	† 8:10 am	† 6:45 am
Brownsville & N. Hav. Ex.	* 8:00 am	* 8:00 am
McKeesp't & Brownsville	†11:00 am	†12:20 pm
Brownsville & N. Haven	† 3:30 pm	† 4:30 pm
Brownsville & Mt. Haven	* 5:20 pm	* 5:45 pm

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Fine line of Imported Novelties, Tweeds, Zibeline and Mannish effects for the fine tailored suits. Some of our regular $1.50, $2.00 and $2.25 goods for Monday and Tuesday at 89c.
Special Christmas Bargains After 6:30 P. M.
The store will be open every evening this week in order to accommodate those who are unable to do their Holiday shopping during the day.
And every evening we are going to offer special bargains in Holiday goods. Following is a list of the "specials" for tonight. These goods cannot be bought at reduced prices until after 6:30 p. m.
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Flannelette Dressing Sacques, dark colors, made with fitted back, extra heavy flannelette; $1.50 quality at 75c.
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Connells. & Mt. Pleasant	† 5:30 am	†10:00 am
Wash., Balt. & N. York	* 8:00 am	* 7:45 pm
Conn'v, Un'in & Fairm't	* 8:00 am	* 7:45 pm
West Newton Accom	† 9:10 am	† 8:00 am
Cumb., Wash. & Balt.	* 1:00 pm	* 2:45 pm
Conn., Un'in, Morgan't'n	† 1:55 pm	†10:00 am
Connels. & Mt. Pleasant	† 1:35 pm	† 5:05 pm
Connellsville Accom	* 4:00 pm	† 5:05 pm
Morgantown, Clarksburg and Weston	† 5:00 pm	†12:50 pm
Philadelphia & New York (Duquesne Limited)	* 6:30 pm	* 6:00 am
West Newton Accom	† 6:40 pm	† 1:30 pm
Wash., Balt. & Phila	* 9:00 pm	* 7:15 am
LINES WEST VIA WHEELING.		
Columbus & Cincin. Exp	†12:05 am	
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheel. Ac	† 7:00 am	* 7:45 am
Col., Cin. & St. L. Exp	* 8:30 am	* 7:45 am
Wheeling Express	* 1:05 pm	* 6:00 pm
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheeling	* 4:35 pm	* 4:05 pm
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheel. Ac	† 5:35 pm	* 8:45 am
Col., Cin. & St. L. Exp	* 8:50 pm	* 7:55 pm
LINES WEST VIA AKRON.		
Cleve., Akron & Youngst	* 7:50 am	* 8:15 pm
Chicago & Cleveland	* 4:30 pm	* 3:15 pm
Chicago Limited (Leave Allegheny.)	* 8:05 pm	* 7:40 am
Butler	† 7:00 am	† 8:00 am
Butler	† 7:30 am	* 7:25 pm
Butler, Foxburg	* 8:15 am	† 5:10 pm
Butler and Erie	† 8:15 am	† 6:25 pm
Butler	†10:40 am	† 6:40 pm
Butler and Erie	† 1:15 pm	† 1:00 pm
Ellwood City	† 1:15 pm	† 6:30 pm
Butler, Clarion & Greenv.	† 3:00 pm	†10:25 am
Butler, Ellw'd, N. Castle	† 5:30 pm	* 9:40 am
Butler	* 6:15 pm	* 5:10 pm
Ellwood, New Castle	† 6:15 pm	* 9:40 am
Butler	†11:30 pm	* 9:25 am

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Main Line Express, daily 8.00 a. m.
Day Express, daily 12.01 p. m.
Mail Express, daily 12.45 p. m.
Chicago Mail, daily for Baltimore and Washington 4.50 p. m.
Eastern Express, daily for Philadelphia and New York 4.55 p. m.
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Columbus and Cincinnati	* 4.50 am	* 4.00 pm
Akron and Crestline	† 1.30 am	† 5.30 pm
Cleveland and Bellaire	† 1.30 am	† 7.20 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 6.20 am	* 6.55 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	* 6.20 am	* 1.05 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 6.30 am	* 4.55 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 6.30 am	†10.55 am
Youngstown and Ashtabula	† 6.20 am	† 3.55 pm
Ohio Valley Express	* 6.50 am	* 5.30 pm
Salem and Alliance	† 7.00 am	† 5.40 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 7.00 am	* 1.50 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 7.30 am	* 4.35 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 7.25 am	† 6.35 pm
Mercer and Oil City	* 7.35 am	†10.55 am
Jamestown and New Castle	† 7.55 am	† 1.30 pm
Jamestown and New Castle	† 7.55 am	* 3.25 am
Youngstown and Ashtabula	† 7.55 pm	* 8.50 pm
The Cleveland Express	* 8.00 pm	* 8.40 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati	* 8.00 am	* 5.40 pm
The Toledo Special	* 11.30 am	* 9.30 pm
Columbus and Chicago	12.15 pm	* 2.00 pm
Youngstown, Ashtabula and Jamestown	†12.35 pm	* 1.50 pm
Jamestown and Ashtabula	†12.35 pm	†10.55 am
Cleveland and Bellaire	† 1.25 pm	† 1.05 pm
Alliance and Mansfield	† 1.25 pm	† 7.00 pm
The St. Louis Special	* 2.00 pm	* 1.40 pm
The Liverpool and Steubenville	* 4.25 pm	* 7.45 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 4.25 pm	* 5.30 pm
Mercer and Oil City	* 4.30 pm	* 8.20 pm
Niles and Youngstown	* 4.30 pm	* 1.25 pm
Jamestown, Youngstown and Niles	* 4.30 pm	* 3.50 pm
The Cleveland Special	* 6.00 pm	†11.15 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 5.05 pm	* 8.40 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 5.10 pm	* 9.50 am
The Chicago Special	* 6.20 pm	* 7.45 am
Columbus and Indianapolis	* 8.10 pm	* 5.05 am
The St. Louis Limited	* 8.10 pm	* 6.55 am
Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville	* 8.15 pm	* 6.00 am
The Pennsylvania Limited	* 8.15 pm	* 7.05 am
Toledo and Detroit Express	* 8.50 pm	* 7.05 am
Beaver Falls and New Castle	†10.40 pm	* 8.05 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	* 11.00 pm	* 8.40 pm

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O. HENRY'S STORY
"The Badge of Policeman O'Roon" in
THE SUNDAY GAZETTE

PITTSBURGH BALL PLAYERS SIGN FOR COMING SEASON

JIMMY BRITT WELL TRAINED

Weighs Shade Over 133 Pounds and Feels Strong and Ready for the Fight.

HIS TRAINING IS A SNAP

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 18.—In order to escape the Sunday crowds at the beach this afternoon, Jimmy Britt suggested to Tiv. Kreling that they drive into the heart of Golden Gate park and listen to the band for an hour or two. Tiv. thought it a good idea.

When Britt got back to camp there was a large crowd waiting to catch a glimpse of him. The Seal Rock House was besieged and when the time came for Britt to enter his gymnasium, the visitors fell over each other in their efforts to gain admission. Gen. "Bill" Altman hastily organized a defense and held the doors against all but a few of Britt's friends. There was nothing else to do, in fact, as the gymnasium could not have accommodated the one-twentieth part of the throng.

Britt's afternoon work consisted of rope skipping, bag-punching and a spell of pulling and hauling with Kreling. Boxing was omitted entirely, and for that matter, the next boxing engaged in by Britt will be with Battling Nelson.

In the morning, Jimmy took to the park roads for an hour, but he did not have his customary plunge in the surf on his return. The daily tumble in the breakers has also been eliminated from the Britt schedule. There can be no two opinions in regard to Britt's condition. He is trained to the minute and in addition to looking well, it is manifest that he is in excellent spirits. He weighed a shade over 133 pounds.

"I don't know what drying out means in the case of other boxers, but if it means stinting myself to the point of suffering, then I must say that I don't have to dry out," said Britt. "I simply curtail my liquid supply a little. I don't even feel the pangs of thirst. To tell the truth, it isn't fair to call this training. Training, somehow, is associated with hardships, in my mind. The training I do is a pleasure. Here I am at the end of the campaign without a sore knuckle or a stiff joint."

FAVORS FORWARD PASSES.

Wrightington, ex-Harvard Coach, Has Ideas Toward Making Game Open.

BOSTON, Dec., 18.—(Special.)—Edgar N. Wrightington, Harvard's head coach last season, in an interview today made some novel suggestions as an experiment for improving the game of football.

"I believe the open game is what we want to strive for," he said. "There are two ways I have thought of to open the game. The first is to discard the rule prohibiting forward passes. Such a change would alter the whole style of the game—too much so, I am afraid. Instead of following the man with the ball each man of the defending side would be designated to watch some one man of the attacking side all the time, and especially if the latter tried to get ahead of the ball toward the goal line ready to receive a long toss.

"The change would certainly open up the game and would offer opportunities for the most delicate strategy one could wish; but I do not think it advisable or necessary to introduce anything so radical.

"The second change is as follows: Allow the team on the offensive to have as many men back of the line, up to six, including the quarterback, as it wants, but require each of these men behind the line, except the quarterback, to be either five yards back or outside the positions of the end men on the line. In addition to this requirement on the part of the attacking team, limit the number of men that the defensive team can have on the line to seven, and place the others, to rush line backs, five yards back of the line.

"With this proposed change a line man on the defensive side would have a chance to dodge by the man opposite him and make a dive attack at the runner."

REDS GOT ADVANTAGE.

Ed. Phelps Considered Better Catcher Than Peitz—Duffy Puzzled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—"None of the deals made during the league meeting in New York last week created as much comment as the Phelps-Peitz swap. Baseball men are at a loss to explain why the Pittsburgh club should have shown a desire to rid itself of what is considered the best young catcher in the business," says J. Ed. Grillo.

Managers of other teams were under the impression that Phelps was in a class by himself, all things considered, as he is one of the few backstops who is fleet of foot and can beat out a bunt. Aside from his ability in the sprinting line Phelps is a quick, accurate thrower and a good batsman.

"Seems to me," said Hughey Duffy of the Phillies, "that the Reds got all the better of that deal. True, Peitz is a great man for a team, but he has been in harness for several years and has seen his best days, while Phelps is only climbing the ladder.

"I was always under the impression that Phelps was one of the best catchers I had ever seen, and when I heard of the trade being made I was very much surprised."

Show at Old City Hall.

Tomorrow night Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson will come together at San Francisco. Interest is being taken in this city in the outcome. Arrangements have been made to get the returns by a special wire from the ringside to Old City hall. In addition to this there is to be a boxing show and other amusements. Joe Alton will meet Tube Franz. One bout on the program will be between Patsy Brannigan and Young Zirringer. Another bout was arranged last night; Paul Moore will meet Tom Sweeny, 135-pounders. Jim O'Neil, a youngster who goes about 105 pounds, will meet Midge Matthewson. Tommy O'Neil and Harry Palmer are another pair that will meet.

Kelly Put to the Test.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Joe Kelley's future as a manager depends entirely upon the showing he makes with the Reds next year. It is up to Joe to show that he can handle the reins of a ball team. Kelley's principal failing in the eyes of the baseball public is that he has been much too lenient with some of his men. He has followed a policy of jollying his players instead of driving them, and, while this has worked well with some, it has proved a failure with others.

Wisconsin Re-Engages Pierce.

MADISON, WIS., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—"Remis" Pierce, who has caught for the St. Paul American association team during the last three years, has been re-elected coach of the Wisconsin university baseball team. He is given a salary of $800, an increase of $200 over last season.

Fitz Likes Jimmy Britt.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—"Bob" Fitzsimmons, the fighter, who is playing an engagement at a local theater, said today that he picked Jimmy Britt as the winner in the Britt-Nelson fight, to be decided in San Francisco next Tuesday night.

TRI-STATE GOSSIP.

The Lebanon club reports having signed James Stitzer of Lafayette college and Thomas O'Mara of the Connecticut State league. Both men are infielders.

Secretary W. Frank Vaughn of the Altoona baseball club has received a contract signed by Alexander Pearson, who will head Altoona's staff of pitchers next season. Pearson is the first player signed. Frank Veil and Davy Bennett have both been reserved for next season.

Charlie Carpenter, the former Altoona manager, was spoken of as a presidential possibility before the Harrisburg meeting, when President Cremer was re-elected.

It is reported that Pittsburgh is after Clymer, the former Tri-State leaguer, who finished last season with Buffalo.

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GOES SOUTH THIS YEAR TO PLAY BASEBALL

CARL REINZ.

He is the Pittsburgh boy who pitched so well for Cumberland last summer that the Dallas (Texas) league team signed him for the coming season.

VAN GORDER IS LEADING THE SCHOOL LEAGUE

Ed Van Gorder broke away from the bunch Saturday and took a commanding lead in the goal shooting race in the Interscholastic Hockey league. He shot three on the Allegheny preps, while R. Robinson, his teammate, got but one. Van Gorder has eight and Robinson five goals, High school still having the leaders. Dick Mueller of Shadyside is third, with three goals. Alan Bright of Hight school broke into the column Saturday by also shooting one on the Preps.

The team work of High school Saturday was gratifying to its adherents, and hopes of beating Shadyside out for the championship are high. The records follow:

	1st half.	2nd half.
Van Gorder, Pittsburgh	2	5
R. Robinson, Pittsburgh	2	3
R. Mueller, Shadyside	2	1
Patterson, Shadyside	2	0
Reisfar, Pittsburgh	2	0
Babst, Shadyside	0	1
Harmer, Pittsburgh	0	1
Carter, East Liberty	1	0
Robertson, East Liberty	1	0
Herron, Shadyside	0	1
Fleeger, Wilkinsburg	1	0
K. Mueller, Shadyside	0	1
E. Robinson, Wilkinsburg	0	1
Bright, Pittsburgh	1	0

P. A. C. TO BE REORGANIZED BY FORMER PROMOTERS

The Pittsburgh Athletic club is to be reorganized and put on a firm foundation again. James Gardner, the well-known baseball pitcher, who started his diamond career under the red and white colors, and James Barr are the prime movers of the reorganization.

The P. A. C. hockey team is just a forerunner. It is the purpose of Gardner and Barr to take up all branches of athletics.

The players on the P. A. C. hockey team are very anxious to "put it on" the Prep seven, and in the second meeting they think they will turn the trick. P. A. C. is negotiating with teams in Buffalo and New York for games.

HARVARD SEVEN WINS.

Defeats Boston Hockey Club in Loose Game by 8 Goals to 6.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Dec. 18.—The Harvard hockey team defeated the Boston hockey club seven on the rink on Soldier's field yesterday afternoon by the score of 8 to 6. The work of the Harvard forwards was the best that the Crimson men have shown this year, but the defense was wretched. Wilder scored half of Harvard's points and was ably seconded by Townsend, who scored two points and did some brilliant passing. Hardy played well for the Bostonians. The Boston hockey club is made up entirely of old Harvard varsity players, and as two of their men failed to appear, two Harvard men, Kernan and Sard, played for them. The lineup and score:

Harvard—8.		Boston H. C.—6.
Wilder	L. F.	Hardy
Callaway	L. C.	F. Goodridge
Townsend	L. C.	Winsor
MacLeod	R. E.	Foster
Newhall	C. P.	Kernan
Grant	P.	Sard-A. Goodridge
Ivy	G.	A. Goodridge-Sard

Goals—Wilder 4, Callaway, Townsend 2, MacLeod, Hardy 2, Kernan 2, Winsor, F. Goodridge. Referee—D. Wagstaff. Time—20-minute halves.

MAT GAME BOOMING.

Egeberg and Piening Will Confer Today Relative to Another Match.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—With H. H. Egeberg, the giant Danish wrestler, in the city, and the arrival of Jess Peterson and possibly Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, wrestling promises to receive a boom that it has not had for many years. Egeberg and Piening will in all probability have it out again on the mat. The rival wrestlers will meet tomorrow to talk over the details for a return match. The recent defeat of Piening at the hands of the Dane was a big surprise, but none was more surprised than Piening himself. Egeberg is now the recognized champion of this country, and he is ready to defend his title against all comers.

By the time Egeberg and Piening have had their second contest it is expected that Peterson, another great Danish wrestler, will have arrived here, and he will be in line for a match with the champion.

Tigers Beat West Point.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Princeton beat the West Point five yesterday 14 to 5. Lineup:

Princeton—14.		West Point—5.
Clark	C.	Thompkins
Ely	L. F.	Merchant
Kahler	R. F.	Elding
Vanderbilt	L. G.	Jones
Trone	R. G.	Hetrick

AMONG THE PASSERS.

The Wilmerding A. C. first and second teams want games. Address C. C. Cowell, Jr., box 105, Wilmerding, Pa.

The Tom Thumbs are after games with all midget teams. Address Oscar Teuscher, 1715 Locust street, Allegheny.

All candidates for the St. James team are to report for practice Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock with gymnasium shoes and suit.

The Superiors of Allegheny would like to hear from all first-class teams having halls. Address T. J. Dodds, 638 Penn avenue, city.

The Superior A. C. beat the Newman Reserves on the latter's floor, 14 to 6. Field goals—Neely 2, Patterson, Dodds, Rowe. Foul goals—Neely 6, Clune 4.

The schedule in the Manchester and Raleigh leagues for this week is as follows: Wednesday night, Fowler A. C. vs. Railroad A. C.; Manchester Midgets vs. Railroad Midgets; Saturday night, Manhattan A. C. vs. Rambler A. C., Tom Thumbs vs. Fayette Midgets.

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On December 24, 25, 26 and 31, and January 1 and 2, agents will sell round trip tickets to all points at rate of one fare and one-third. Holiday rate from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, $5.35; Chicago, $14; Detroit, $11.10; Erie, $5.20; Buffalo, $9.20; Youngstown, $2.75.

NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE GETS FOHL

Will Sign With Binghamton. Gouzzie Makes Terms With Evansville.

DIAMOND STORIES RELATED

Catcher Leo Fohl, last summer with Homestead, has had his terms accepted by the Binghamton club of the New York State league. Manager Risher is likely to lose another of his stars, as Charlie McCloskey, second baseman and captain last year, is wanted in the Southern league, Memphis angling for him.

It has not been announced from official quarters in Homestead as yet in regards to the team for next season. Manager Risher, however, is casting his eyes towards Buck Kenney, the Pittsburgher who played great ball for Waynesburg last year. Three years ago Kenney, who was on the interscholastics, was tried out by Homestead, but he then lacked weight and Risher let him out. Now Risher would take him back and Kenney would not be averse to playing in the Steel Town.

Claude Gouzzie, the Crafton second baseman, with Niles and Sharon last summer, has signed with the Evansville Central league team. Minneapolis has accepted terms with Firstbaseman Deal of Harrisburg; Jack Bracken, the Kent pitcher, goes to Jacksonville, in the South Atlantic league.

John Thomas, the Beltzhoover A. C. manager, has recommended "Red" Nagle, the Niles third baseman, to Jimmy Ryan, manager of the Evansville Central league club.

"Lefty" Boyle Is Modest.

Fred "Lefty" Boyle, the Allegheny boy who almost caused the independent association to blow up last year because of a fight between Alliance and Akron over his services, is a modest youngster. He made his debut on the circuit last year and was an effective pitcher, but wildness was his only drawback.

Most young players, and old ones for that matter, like to tell good things about themselves, but not Boyle. He tells what he failed to do; he could say lots of good things were he inclined to be conceited. Boyle thinks Canesville was the best independent team in Ohio last year. "Everybody was scared when that bunch blew into town. Maybe they could not hit: Hulings, Flood, Miller and Jimmy Cooper. Whew! I thought I had them beaten one day, but I was fooled. I had them 4 to 0 up to the seventh, when they got two runs, then one in the eighth and in the last inning they got another and skinned me.

"This man Miller Cincinnati is said to be after is a good one. He was one of the very best baserunners on the circuit last year. He was one man that could not be caught napping off first. I have thrown across to first four and five times in succession, but he would get back safely. I think 'Lefty' Jackson and I hold the record for passes to first. Akron was playing at Youngstown. 'Lefty' was pitching for Hogan's outfit. In six innings he walked eight men and I passed seven in nine innings. I almost had the game won, but Phyle hit for two bases and sent in three runs."

Bill McKenna's Home Run.

"The Iroquois beat McKeesport in one inning last summer," says Al. Hill, the Iroquois catcher. "We had McKeesport 4 to 0 and the bases filled. Bill McKenna was up and we looked for more runs. George English, the McKeesport captain, was in right field yelling in for the pitcher to put it. Bill did: he clouted one over English's head. It was a home run, a rare event for Bill. Rounding third base he slipped, but managed to crawl to the plate. His ankle was broken, but no one paid any attention to that. It was the home run that received the attention."

Nick Young's Decision.

Harry Tate, who is to manage Cumberland next season, is an old campaigner. He was a member of the Hagerstown club of the Cumberland Valley league when it was filled with players who later came into national reputation. Tate himself was in the National league.

"I shall never forget the hot battle for the pennant and the deciding game with Chambersburg," says Tate. "At the fag end of the season, 1895, Chambersburg was leading by one game. We played at Chambersburg and when we had finished our half of the ninth had the game, 2 to 1. Tom. Lipp, who was in the Tri-State last summer, was pitching for us, and "Whitty" Schoenhut, the old U. of P. pitcher, for Chambersburg. We got the first two men out, but old Andy Costello, who was playing left field for Chambersburg, got away with a punky single into right field.

"Then came Jimmy Sheckard, now the great National league fielder, to the bat. Sheckard walloped one over our first-baseman's head. It went up in the air and a mile away and cleared the fence fair. Then it rolled foul. Umpire Limk, Menlove of Cumberland, called it a fair ball and Chambersburg took the game.

"The Hagerstown manger, however, was dissatisfied and appealed the decision to Nick Young, then president of the National league. Young made the famous decision that inasmuch as the ball had hit the ground in foul territory it was foul, regardless of its going over the fence fair. That decision gave us the pennant, as we had beaten Carlisle the next day. Charlie Pittinger was a pitcher for Chambersburg at the time."

A Lucky Catch.

Greensburg is a great town for baseball fans who love to relate past experiences on the diamond. Until a few years ago it always supported a team. One of the leading fans is "Buckshaw" Lohr, who caught on the Greensburg team back in the '80s. Lohr tells how he was catching "Tip." McTigh, father of Tom McTigh, the former Georgetown university pitcher. One game that he remembers distinctly was against the old Magentas of Pittsburgh. In the ninth inning, with two out and three men on bases and a heavy hitting Magenta at the bat, it looked as though the Pittsburgers would win, as Greensburg was but one run to the good. Lohr tells the rest of the tale.

"With three on a foul tip was hit. It struck me on the head (then we did not use masks or gloves) and bounded up in the air and back to the third baseman, who caught the ball and saved the game for us."

Americus Easy for Franklin.

FRANKLIN, PA., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Americus team of Meadville was easy for the Franklin High school last night, 41 to 12. Lineup:

Franklin H. S.—41.		Americus—12.
Birtell	R. F.	Donlin
Johnston	L. F.	Duerr
Hartman	C.	Rossiter
W. Lane	R. G.	Gartner
Gordon	L. G.	Colter

Field goals—Birtell 8, Hartman 6, Gordon 4, Johnston 2, Rossiter 2, Donlin 2. Goals from foul—Johnston 1, Rossiter 4. Officials—Bruce, Franklin; Smith, Allegheny college.

STRONG HOCKEY PLAYER IN THE SCHOOL LEAGUE

C. GEIDER.

Point and manager of the Williamsburg High school seven.

CAPTAINED THE FAST PREP. SCHOOL FOOTBALL ELEVEN

WALTER STRAUB,

of Pittsburgh, who led the Lehigh Prep. school team this fall. He played quarterback.

BIG COCKING MAIN IS TO BE DECIDED SOON

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The biggest cocking main since the days when this sport held a conspicuous and an honorable place among Americans has been arranged for the latter part of January. It will be fought in one of the middle states, not very far from Cincinnati. A gentleman from Houston, Tex., who is in the city, is arranging the details and is enthusiastic over the main, which he says is going to be a real old-time fight between the southern and the northern birds.

This north-against-south main will be fought January 19 and 20, one-half the first day and one-half the second. It will mean in money something like $15,000 to the winners, including the side bets.

Down at Springfield, Mo., is a man named Ed Burke. Up at Appleton, Wis., is a man named Pierce. Both are cock fighters of degree and between them they have arranged to fight it out. The man from Missouri and the man from Houston, Tex., will attempt to show that the southern birds can defeat the best brood raised in Wisconsin. The Houston man insists on calling the southern representatives the Texas rangers. At the Imperial hotel today he said: "Each side is to show 21 birds, which are to go in at 4-12 and 6-4. Mobile and New Orleans rules are to govern. Two days, under the conditions named, ought to show which is the better and I think you'll find the Texas rangers on top."

ROSE IS PHYSICALLY PERFECT.

Michigan's Giant Athlete the Apollo of Modern College Men.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—When Ralph Rose, the giant shot putter, came here a year ago, he was not in good condition. Trainer Fitzpatrick took him in charge and has corrected the deficiencies of the big California boy, and measurements now taken show him to be physically perfect in comparison with the averages of 20,000 students, which are taken as the basis of gymnasium work. The measurements of this big bulk of perfect development are as follows:

	Inches.		Inches.
Height	77	Hips	40.1
Weight (pounds)	246	Right arm, down	14
Shoulders	18.8	Right arm, up	15
Chest (across)	13.4	Right forearm	12.6
Chest (through)	10.4	Left arm, down	13.9
Girths, neck	15.9	Left arm, up	14.5
Chest, muscular	46.6	Left forearm	12.1
Chest, natural	44.5	Right thigh	25.9
Chest, expanded	47.6	Right calf	16.8
Chest, contracted	41	Left thigh	25.6
Waist	39	Left calf	17

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CUMBERLAND TEAM SIGNED.

Manager Harry Tate Has Fast Bunch of Players for Coming Season.

CUMBERLAND, MD., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Harry Tate, manager and captain of the Cumberland Baseball association, has completed the makeup of his club for 1905. The pitchers signed are Weaver of Shamokin, Pa.; Calbridge of Princeton, N. J.; Reeder of Coshocton, O.; Leighty of Binghamton, N. Y. (last year with New York State league), and Russell Patterson of Bloomington. The first baseman will be Fitzgerald of Rosemont, Pa., and Lindsey of Homestead, Pa.; Roach of Johnstown, second base; and third will be taken care of by Manager Tate, who will change with McCabe of Wilmington, Del., and Joseph Kelly of Cincinnati, O.

The outfield will be taken care of by Hugh Tate, Bill Hooker and Harry Tate. Fisher, a Pittsburgh youngster with a great throwing arm, will take care of the backstop work. Savage of Baltimore, a second baseman, has also been signed, as has also Hamilton of Delta university, O.

CALUMET WINS THE GAME FROM PORTAGE LAKE TEAM

HOUGHTON, MICH., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—In the game between Calumet and Portage Lake hockey clubs last night Calumet won 4 to 1. Lineup:

Portage Lake—1.		Calumet—4.
Hern	Goal	Nicholson
Gibson	Point	MacMillan
Holden	Cover	H. Stuart (Capt.)
B. Stuart (Capt.)	Center	Strike
Shields	Rover	Mallon
Lake	Left Wing	Gardner
Wescott, Haller	Right Wing	Scott

BUT ONE 300 HITTER.

Oyler, a Pennsylvanian, Holds Distinction in South Atlantic League.

The official averages of the South Atlantic league just announced show that Oyler of the Savannah club led the league in batting. He was fourth among the shortstops. Oyler is a brother of Andy Oyler, the former W. and J. infielder, who played with Minneapolis last season. Oyler was the only .300 hitter in the league. His average follows:

	G.	A.	B.	R.	H.	Pct.
Oyler	120	450	58	136		.301

PLAYS FREEDOM TONIGHT.

Joe Thompson's Outfit to Tackle Manchester at Raleigh Hall.

The game scheduled to be played in Raleigh hall tonight is expected to be one of the best of the season, as Capt. Joe Thompson's fast Freedom team is the opposition which the lower Allegheny boys will have to face. This will be their first meeting of the season. A preliminary to the big game will be played by the Manchester Juniors and the State five. The latter team recently defeated the Apollo High school team at Apollo.

FORMER NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHER DROPS DEAD

ITHACA, Dec. 18.—John Clapp, formerly a National league baseball player, dropped dead at midnight last night, while in the discharge of his duty as night sergeant of the city police department. He had just assisted a patrolman in making an arrest when he was stricken with apoplexy.

Hackett's Eye Is Improving.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Clyde Rothgeb, the University of Illinois star, is said to be an aspirant for professional baseball honors and would like to develop upon the Bloomington team in the "Three I" league. He played left field at Illinois. "Sonny Jim" Hackett may come back next year. He is spending the winter at his home in Jacksonville, and will try to keep in condition. His eye, which was poisoned, is slowly improving. If he recovers completely the St. Louis Browns will probably send for him.

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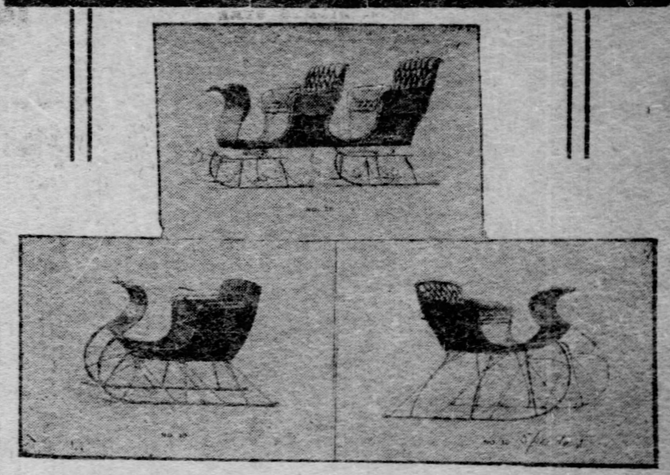

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JAPANESE DEFY DEATH ON SLOPES

Russian Officer Says They Ascend Positions in Face of Awful Fire.

GROUND STREWN WITH BODIES

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHEFOO, Dec. 18.—For ferocity and sustained desperation on both sides, the struggle for the possession of High hill probably was the most remarkable in the history of the siege of Port Arthur—a siege noted for slaughter. This statement is based on an interview had with Commander Mizzeneoff, executive officer of the battleship Poltava, up to the time the vessel was disarmed. He headed the party of seven Russians who left Port Arthur in a sailboat on Dec. 15 and arrived here December 16, bearing dispatches which were turned over to the Russian consul for transmission to St. Petersburg. Commander Mizzeneoff, who was wounded in the leg during the battle of High hill, said:

"Since the Japanese, on November 27, began their attack on High hill, which they call 203 Meter hill, the fighting has been continuous. There has been so much slaughter that even Port Arthur's war-hardened veterans shuddered at the sight.

"Japanese were compelled to clamber up the slopes of the hill, in many cases without firing, in the face of one of the most murderous deluges ever poured from rifles and machine guns. I was there, and it seemed to me that flesh and blood would be unable to stand our fire for a minute.

Others Grimly Come Forward.

"The enemy went down in squads and companies, but there were always others grimly coming forward. Their bravery was beyond praise, as was that of our own men. Sometimes the fighting was hand to hand, with the muzzles of the rifles at the breasts of the contestants, the bayonets being used as swords. The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies and the snow was crimsoned with the blood of the wounded, some of whom had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness surcease for their dying agonies.

"Eventually, as in similar instances which were to follow we retired, leaving the work of driving the enemy from the summit to the resistless guns of the neighboring forts, notably those of Lisoti mountain.

"One incident of this assault will remain forever impressed on my mind. When a Japanese standard bearer reached the summit and planted his flag a gigantic Russian corporal left his retreating comrades and rushing back, seized the flag, which he was tearing with his hands and with his teeth, when he fell, pierced with several bullets. When the Japanese retired under an artillery fire the Russians reoccupied the summit.

"The second and third assaults were replicas of the first, although the second was the most ferocious, being nearly all hand to hand fighting, in which mercy was neither asked nor given.

"A remarkable incident occurred in the third assault as the Russians, still facing the enemy, retreated. A Japanese standard bearer, holding his flag aloft, climbed the pinnacle and fell dead clutching the colors. In his tracks another arose with the colors, only to fall instantly with a dozen wounds in his body. Six others followed and met the same fate. At last, when the ninth man appeared a Russian officer exclaimed: 'Don't shoot that fellow with the flag; it will be planted anyhow.'

"The Japanese adopted a curious expedient which assisted them greatly in the third assault. They had prepared huge piles of wood, coal and cornstalks which they ignited, the wind being in the faces of the Russians. The resultant fire was immense and the flames and smoke compelled the Russians to retire. The red glare from this fire disclosed a ghastly picture more infernal than ever dreamed by Dante.

"The assaults thus far had cost the Japanese easily 12,000 men, while our own were under 2,000. The sides of the hill were literally covered with dead and wounded. The trenches were rivulets of blood and every visible spot was dyed crimson.

No Use to Make Sacrifice.

"'We might retake the hill,' said Gen. Stoessel, 'but it is not of sufficient importance to us to justify further sacrifice.'

"Since then numerous small engagements have been waged, but the responsibility for keeping the Japanese from occupying the hill in force or from mounting guns thereon has been left mainly to the shrapnel fire from other forts. Even the Japanese, who simply use the hill to observe the harbor, do so at great peril.

"Following the third assault an armistice of five hours was agreed upon to bury the dead. In this task great speed was necessary. The Japanese undoubtedly made many awful mistakes and beyond doubt heaps of bodies containing helpless wounded were shoveled in masses into the pits and trenches. The Japanese could not, owing to the darkness and their feverish haste, distinguish between the dead and wounded. Scarcely an officer participating in the batle of High Hill escaped unhurt and the proportion of young officers killed was very high."

SHIPS SAILING TO RENDEZVOUS

Russian Vessels Have Secret Meeting Place Somewhere in the Indian Ocean.

BATTLE LIKELY NEAR FORMOSA

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The warships of the Russian Baltic fleet, comprising the best of the remaining element of the Russian navy, are today on all sides of the African continent working their way singly or in groups to a secret rendezvous somewhere in the Indian ocean. They are accompanied by a host of volunteer cruisers, transports, repair and store ships and colliers. At this rendezvous final preparations will be made to advance into waters wherein the Japanese may be expected to attack it. From the Baltic to the East Indies the voyage of these vessels is comparatively free from the danger of hostile operations on the part of the enemy, but from the straits of Malacca or the straits of Sunda north naval experts say that an attack may be expected at any time.

The place of meeting has been fixed by strategists near the Chogos archipelago, although some authorities are of the opinion that the rendezvous will take place off the small island of Minicoy. The fleet will probably reach the Chagos archipelago a few days previous to December 25 and will likely go to Batana through the straits of Sunda, reaching there about January 1, or else to some island in the Malay group.

Would Be Welcome at Saigon.

Saigon, in French Indo China, is 1,100 miles north of Batavia, and there it is possible the Russians would be welcomed and the facilities of the port be extended them. Proceeding north from Saigon the fleet, now clearly in the danger zone of attack, would doubtless pass between the Philippines and the coast of China, but from here on its course would depend upon its ultimate destination and the fortunes of war. From Saigon to Vladivostok around the eastern coast of Japan and through the Tsugaru straits is 3,400 miles, while from Saigon direct to Port Arthur is 2,300 miles.

Where the Japanese attack will be made is an open question. H. W. Wilson, the naval expert and author of "Ironclads in Action," is of the opinion that they will not engage the enemy south of Formosa, although he admits they may send small steamers using mines and torpedoes further afield and succeed in inflicting some damage. Another authority believes the Japanese will take advantage of the confined water of the Sunda or Malacca straits to deliver their initial attack, and that they will make a particular effort to destroy the colliers accompanying the Russian warships in these southern waters.

Composition of the Fleet.

The two detachments of the Baltic fleet are composed as follows:

Proceeding via the Cape of Good Hope, under Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky:

Five battleships—
Kniaz Suvaroff (flagship)...13,516 tons, 18 knots
Alexander III.....13,516 tons, 18 knots
Borodino.....13,600 tons, 18 knots
Orel.....13,600 tons, 18 knots
Oslabaya.....14,500 tons, 18 knots

Three cruisers—
Admiral Nakhimoff..... 8,524 tons, 16.7 knots
Dmitri Donskoi..... 5,882 tons, 16.5 knots
Aurora..... 6,630 tons, 20 knots

Transports—Kamschatka, Anadyr, Korea, Malaya, Meteor and others.

The Suvaroff, Orel, Borodino and Alexander III. are new vessels and among the best battleships afloat. They carry four 12-inch and 12 6-inch guns each, and are protected by 9-inch Krupp armor on the water line. The Oslabaya has four 10-inch guns and 11 6-inch guns.

The Aurora is a new cruiser. The Nakhimoff and Dmitri Donskoi, as well as the Admiral Kornloff (also reported proceeding via the Cape) are old cruisers which have been reconstructed and modernized.

Proceeding by the Red Sea.

Proceeding via the Red Sea, under command of Rear Admiral Folkersahm:

Two battleships—
Sissoi Veliky (flagship)....10,400 tons, 16 knots
Navarin.....10,256 tons, 16 knots

Five cruisers—
Jemtchug..... 3,080 tons, 24 knots
Svietlana..... 3,828 tons, 20 knots
Almaz..... 3,285 tons, 19 knots
Oleg..... 6,675 tons, 23 knots
Izumrud..... 3,080 tons, 24 knots
Destroyers—Blestiaschy, Bezumprechni, Bulstri, Bedovi, Bravi, Bodri and Vidny and others—28 knots speed.

Volunteer fleet—
Kiev, Vladimir, Voronej...10,500 tons, 12 knots
Tamboff, Yawalar..... 8,640 tons, 12 knots

Transports—Gorichakoff, Kitai, Jupiter and others.

The Sissoi Veliky and Navarin are old warships, but carry four 12-inch guns and six or eight 8-inch weapons each.

The Oleg, Jemtchug, Izumrud and Almaz are new and modern ships. The Sviethana is an old vessel. The destroyers are of a type built for hard work at sea.

The transports are for the most part well-known mail boats purchased in Germany, and are very fast at sea, carrying an armament of 6-inch and 4.7-inch guns.

The volunteer cruisers are also armed steamers of high speed, serviceable for scouting or for the attack upon commerce.

THE THREE RIVERS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 18.—River 5.7 feet and rising; rose .4 inch since morning. Weather cloudy and cold. Navigation is suspended on account of the ice. The gorges below the city have caused a false rise. Business is at a standstill.

PARKERSBURG—River 1.7 feet and stationary; frozen. Clear and cold.

POINT PLEASANT—River 1 foot 1 inch and stationary. Cloudy. No boats.

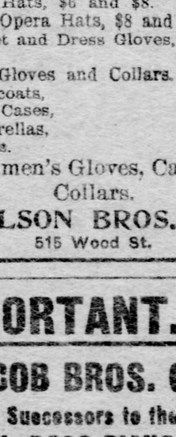
STEUBENVILLE—River 26 inches and stationary. Cloudy and cold. River frozen over.

OIL CITY—River 2 feet 1 inch and stationary. Clear and cold.

WARREN—River frozen. Fair and cold.

LOUISVILLE—River stationary; in canal, 2.6 feet; on falls, .4 foot; below locks, 3.4 feet. Clear and cold.

The stage of water at Davis island dam at 9 o'clock last night was 1.6 feet and the river is stationary.



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OFFICIAL.—MT. OLIVER BOROUGH.

ORDINANCE NO. 49.

AN ORDINANCE—Providing for the change of name of Charles alley in the borough of Mount Oliver, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the burgess and town council of the borough of Mount Oliver, in council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same that Charles alley in said borough, lying between Stamm avenue at its eastern terminus, and its intersection with the Brownsville road, at the western terminus, shall be hereafter known, and receive the name of Sherman street.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into a law, in council, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1904.

CHAS. J. MOYE, President of Council.

Attest:
GUS. A. SHENKLE, Clerk of Council.

Burgess' Office, borough of Mt. Oliver, December 6, 1904. Ordinance No. 49 is hereby approved.

J. P. AUGUSTINE, Burgess.

Recorded in Ordinance Book vol. —, page —, this — day of November, A. D. 1904.

ORDINANCE NO. 51.

AN ORDINANCE—Granting the property owners abutting on Giffin avenue the right to construct a sewer, and to grade, curb and pave Giffin avenue at their own expense from a point two hundred fifty (250) feet east from the center of the Brownsville road to Transverse avenue, in the borough of Mount Oliver.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the borough of Mount Oliver in council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that the owners of the properties fronting on each side of Giffin avenue from a point two hundred fifty (250) feet east from the center line of the Brownsville road to Transverse avenue in the borough of Mount Oliver, be and they are hereby granted permission and authority at their own cost and expense to enter upon Giffin avenue and therein to construct in front of their respective properties a sewer of standard strength terra cotta pipes, with all necessary branches, and to grade, curb and pave with brick said avenue at a width of twenty-five (25) feet between curbs, according to the grade established for said avenue.

Sec. 2. The said property owners shall construct and lay said sewer and grade, curb and pave said avenue in accordance with the regular borough specifications.

Sec. 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed in so far as the same conflicts herewith.

Ordained and enacted into an ordinance this 5th day of December, A. D. 1904.

CHAS. J. MOYE, President.

GUS A. SHENKLE, Clerk of Council.

Examined and approved by me this 6th day of December, A. D. 1904.

J. P. AUGUSTINE, Burgess.

ORDINANCE NO. 50.

AN ORDINANCE—Establishing the grade for Giffin avenue from the Brownsville road formerly the Birmingham Macadamized Turnpike road, to Transverse avenue.

Section 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the borough of Mount Oliver, in council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, that the grade for the south curb line of Giffin avenue, from the Brownsville road to Transverse avenue, be established as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner formed by the intersection of the east curb line of Brownsville road and the south curb line of Giffin avenue, at an elevation of five hundred twenty-two and sixty-hundredths (522.60) feet; thence along the south curb line of Giffin avenue, eastwardly, falling at the rate of eleven (11) feet per hundred feet for a distance of three hundred eighty-five (385) feet to the west curb line of Fulton place at an elevation of four hundred eighty and twenty-five-hundredths (480.25) feet, thence falling at the rate of three and two-hundredths (3.02) feet per hundred feet to the west curb line of Transverse avenue.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into an ordinance this 5th day of December, A. D. 1904.

CHAS. J. MOYE, President.

GUS. A. SHENKLE, Clerk of Council.

December 5, A. D. 1904, ordinance No. 50 is hereby approved. J. P. AUGUSTINE, Burgess.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, January 3, 1905, by Charles G. Zug, J. D. Hallman and George S. Gordon, under the act of assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called Zug Steel Company, the character and object of which is the manufacture and sale of iron and steel in both crude and finished state, and articles of merchandise in which iron or steel are used, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto. Dalzell, Scott & Gordon, solicitors.

W. A. BLAKELEY, Attorney-at-Law, No. 522 Bakewell building, city. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania, on the 10th day of January, 1905, by H. Adler, E. B. Adler, David Adler, W. A. Blakeley and J. N. Cooke, under the act of assembly entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called the Metallic Ladder Company, the character and object of which is the manufacture of galvanized iron, steel and other metals and making therefrom ladders, chairs, benches and other like articles, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and for these purposes to have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and the supplements thereto. W. A. Blakeley, Solicitor for Applicants.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Cosmopolitan National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held at its office, Wood and Liberty sts., in the city of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny and state of Pennsylvania, on the 30th day of December, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of voting for or against an increase of the capital stock of said bank from two hundred thousand ($200,000) dollars to five hundred thousand ($500,000) dollars.

D. J. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

ROBERT T. REINEMAN, Attorney-at-Law, No. 315 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Catherine Fleck, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Henry J. Fleck, executor, No. 79 Hamilton st., Allegheny, Pa.

SCANDRETT, BARNETT & J. M. BENNER, Attorneys-at-Law, No. 427 Fifth ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration c. t. a. on the estate of Arthur Davis, deceased, late of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Beatrice P. Davis, administratrix, c. t. a., No. 408 W. Pike st., Canonsburg, Pa.

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SHILOH ST., 37, Mt. Washington—Two connecting rooms; will rent separately; all conveniences; near incline on tunnel line.

SIDNEY ST., 1820, S. S.—Large, nicely furnished front room, all conveniences.

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East End.

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ED. B. SCULL, Attorney-at-Law, No. 46 St. Nicholas Bldg. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John F. McGiffin, deceased, late of the city of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pa., have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Ida J. McGiffin, executrix, 16 Grace street.

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MIND READING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Rev. Dr. G. H. Flinn Says Those Who Think So Have Thick Craniums to Penetrate.

CALLS IT COLOSSAL FRAUD

The Rev. Dr. George H. Flinn, pastor of the Washington Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, preached yesterday on "The Pittsburgh Mind Reading Colossal Fraud." He took for his text Acts viii:11, "Bewitching them with sorceries," and said in part:

In tracing the rise and progress of superstition one is but scrutinizing an abnormal bent in the struggles of anthropology in its psychological outgoings, so deep seated is the disease in the weakest of men. From the unspeakable, filthy old Hottentot Joaltasayer of a pagan world to the semi-civilized medicine men among oriental peoples, the keenest in will and the quickest of hand have held sway over the duller faculties of their fellows, terrifying and defrauding with insatiable greed. The climax has been reached in the claim to reach the contents of the human mind. The mind reader (?) lectures learnedly (?) on the occult powers of soul, the science of which is so highly developed by the Brahmin of India, "you know." The mind reader has learned so much from these sources that the ability is now possessed to pick up the fag end of your mentality and connect it with the operator's powerfully developed molecules. Touch the button and off it goes and your old think tank is at the mercy of the performer. Bah! Bah! black sheep, have you any wool? The shearing time has come to Pittsburgh. All that is necessary to make a success of it is to open wide the floodgates of your gullibility and the work is done!

Cash paid at the door, your precious question shut up tight in your fist! Oh, if the mind reader would only read and answer my question! Well, the mind reader will not, for the mind reader cannot. God above can do it. When a person sets up such a claim, that one knows that the thing is an impossibility. Your question, my friend, will never be answered.

"Yes," but you say, "a man who sized near and women around you had their minds read and contents stated." Did it ever occur to you that these persons were confederates of the mind reader, or, possibly, a hit or miss venture happened to be somewhere near the truth? Can anyone read a written question hidden by you? Never, unless you are mesmerized or hypnotized into divulging. Can a person actually read our thoughts through flesh and bone? Never! Never! Most of us mortals have craniums too thick for such a thing.

You can be tricked and deluded and fooled, smart as you think you are. Pittsburgh has been in contact with a queen of the art of deception; she has convinced many by her performances that she can actually read your innermost thinking and tell you where long-lost articles lay hidden. Don't be so easily gulled.

A person who can fool an audience into believing the impossible and hold them to the sticking point for so long a time is what men designate as the wonderfully smart, resourceful, but such eulogy can never hide the plain, honest fact that many of the people of this city have been treated to a ludicrous fake, a humbug of no slender proportions, a tremendous claim which cannot be made good, not even by the straddle of a colossus in fraud and deception.

Elders Ordained and Installed.

Two elders were ordained and four installed as officers of the Second United Presbyterian church, North Negley and Stanton avenues, yesterday morning. The pastor, the Rev. Samuel W. McKelvey, officiated, assisted by the session. James H. Scott, who was formerly an elder in the First church, and A. E. DuBois, formerly an elder in a New York state church, were installed, and T. A. Nesbit and Robert Brown were both ordained and installed.

Bishop Hartzell in Local Pulpits.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell of the Methodist Episcopal church in Africa occupied the pulpit of Christ church, Center avenue, yesterday morning, and spoke in Emory church, North Highland avenue, in the evening.

Aged Man Divorced and Married.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Daniel Walker of West Liberty, aged 62, got a divorce here yesterday, and today married Miss May Grimes of West Liberty, whose age is 37.

LOCAL PASTOR WHO IS NOW AT NEW CASTLE

THE REV. J. A. JOYCE.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Rev. J. A. Joyce of McKeesport, Pa., is now acting as pastor of the Central Christian church of this city, succeeding the Rev. Walter D. Trumbull, who recently resigned. The Rev. Mr. Joyce will have charge of the dedicatory services, when the new $25,000 edifice is ready for consecration Sunday, January 8. The erection of the new church was responsible in a way for the resignation of the retiring pastor, the Rev. Mr. Trumbull, as he and the building committee differed about the plans.

RELIGION OF THE JEWS SURPASSES ALL OTHERS

In Sermon at Bijou, the Rev. S. Edward Young Told of Its Uniqueness.

In the Bijou theater yesterday morning the Rev. S. Edward Young preached on "The Religion of the Jews." His text was from St. John, iv::22: "Salvation is of the Jews." He said:

Can any member of the human family surpass in uniqueness the Jew? Older than all other present types of mankind is he. Where is the pure stock of the Babylonia of the far age or of Egypt or of Hittite, Greek or Roman? Yet here is the Hebrew whose sure lineage we trace backward some 4,000 years. Let the lands by the Tigris and Euphrates be illustrations for their conquests; the land of the Nile, famous for the craving of its inhabitants, to be remembered, as witness pyramid and obelisk and tomb; let the Greeks live to all times because of their idea of beauty as expressed in statue and picture and oration. Let Rome's name be known by the idea of law for which the Romans stand. But Israel overtops them all—Israel immortal because of their religion.

What is the glory of their religion? This: That out of the fetichism and materialism and idolatry of all other nations, out from the animism, totemism, demonism and polytheism of their own times, out from the Baalism and licentious cults of their own immediate surroundings, the clear note is sent to the whole world and the whole era of our race: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord." Did they grasp the true idea of God in a day? Nay, rather many generations wrought onward ere they reached their noblest view of Him. First they seemed to think God belonged to a particular spot. Jacob appears amazed that the God he worshiped in Hebron could be a few miles away also, in Bethel. He exclaims: "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not!"

They kept on supposing Jehovah was the God of Palestine and other gods ran other nations, and to be banished from Palestine meant to be banished from Jehovah. By the Babylonian exile and God's opening the heart of the foreign king to restore them did they in awful affliction learn that Jehovah governed the whole world. Like them we today must study to know God.

Church Was Reopened.

Appropriate services marked the reopening of the McCandless Avenue Methodist Episcopal church yesterday. The church has been completely renovated and greatly beautified. The Rev. Dr. James Mecham, presiding elder of the Pittsburgh district, preached the morning sermon, while the pastor, the Rev. A. H. Acken, spoke in the evening.

SIN OF THE WORLD IS SELFISHNESS

Preparation for Christmas Is the Theme of a Sermon by the Rev. Arthur D. Mink.

HOW CHRIST GAVE TO MEN

"The Preparation for Christmas" was the sermon theme selected by the Rev. Arthur D. Mink yesterday morning at the Emory Methodist Episcopal church. His text was from Acts, xx:35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He said in part:

Paul is here referring to some unrecorded word of Christ, but the divine life so wondrously exemplified this principle that it is not hard to believe that He spoke the text. Christ acts His rebuke on the greed of man. With him, then as now, it is get. "I will pull down my barns and build greater." Man counts success by what he has and is ever bent on possession. The sin of the world is selfishness, and the means used would crowd every other to the wall. We are startled today by the methods of a woman speculator, who sought to enrich herself with no thought of the poverty at the other end. All the staples of life have been cornered—wheat, coal, oil, corn, meat. With many the text has been reversed until it is get rather than give. In striking contrast to this is the attitude of Christ, who received little, but gave much. Man's hand was closed to hold, but Christ's was open to bestow. We cannot even think of Him using his power for Himself, but He turns the water into wine to cheer the guests at Cana, and multiplies the loaves to feed the people. No mention is made of the least part coming to Him. Christ might have reared a monument more beautiful than that at Agra, more imperishable than the pyramids, but the mission of His life was to give to man.

There were two strange principles that He taught in giving; one to give to the unattractive and the undeserving. It is not hard to give to the man you like, but there may be little virtue in it. The scribe thought as he gave to a scribe he was religious, but Christ held him up to a kind of ridicule. The true spirit of Christmas is to reach out the hand to that man who has no claim but that of his need. Our neighbor is the unknown man who has fallen among thieves. The other thing is this, that He taught us to give with no thought of reward from man. He here condemns the artificial customs current in society.

There is no virtue in giving to receive, it is not giving, but an exchange. The essence of Christianity is to help another, who cannot repay. There is no hint in the parable of the good Samaritan that the needy man ever repaid the traveler for what he gave. It was not a loan, but a free gift. The reward for this is to come not from man, but from God. The basket that we send, or better take, the flowers that cheer the sick, the toys that brighten the lives of little children, these shall be cherished in His sight and from Him we shall receive our reward.

To Unite Workingman With Church.

Charles Stelzel of the Presbyterian board of home missions spoke yesterday morning in the Westminster Presbyterian church, Allegheny, on "Workingmen and the Church." Mr. Stelzel is endeavoring to establish a closer fellowship between the workingman and the church, and proposes "institutional" churches in all densely populated communities, advocating that the houses of worship be open daily and nightly for social and educational purposes, along the lines of work carried out by the Young Men's Christian association.

Dr. Crafts Addressed "Fathers."

The Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, superintendent of the International Reform bureau, addressed a "fathers' meeting" in the North Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Allegheny, yesterday afternoon, on "That Boy and Girl of Yours." He urged a stricter observance of the Sabbath, more stringent liquor laws and other reforms for the betterment of the coming generation.

New Church Is Dedicated.

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The new Congregational church at Lindsey was dedicated today. Almost $1,400 was raised and the church was dedicated free of debt. The Rev. J. T. Jones of Ebensburg preached the dedicatory sermon. He was assisted by the Rev. James Jenkins of Ebensburg. The new church cost about $20,000.

READING FOR CULTURE EXPLAINED FROM PULPIT

Dr. Stanton Discusses Method and Material, Mental and Spiritual Strength.

"Reading That Results in Culture" was the sermon theme of the Rev. Dr. W. A. Stanton in the Shady Avenue Baptist church last evening. Dr. Stanton held that this was an age of books, and spoke of the vast army of readers, particularly in America. He spoke of the advantages of good literature and the evil wrought by reading trashy books, and said in part:

By culture I mean that sort of self-improvement that results in better service to God and man. Some read only to pass away time; others only to be amused or entertained, others for the mere sake of cramming facts into their minds that they put to no practical use when they have them. Such reading never results in culture even though what is read be not bad.

Carlyle said: "All that mankind has done, thought, gained or been; it is lying as in magic preservation in the pages of books." We view the world through the eyes of our favorite authors; their writings reflect their characters and mold ours. We may no more escape the influence of the books we read than of the companions we have, indeed, the influence of books is often more subtle and quite as lasting as that of persons. Half an hour's evil reading may leave impressions for half a century. Three thoughts are worth knowing just here—read only what will improve your minds and morals, since life is too short to read all that is good, from the good select only what is best; careful reading of few books is better than careless reading of many.

When you read, be not like the sponge, merely soaking up what your mind touches, but like the hungry lion seeking what you may devour to satisfy the hunger of your soul. Train yourself to like best those books that make you think most. Reading that fails to rouse the mind fails to improve the reader. I believe in moderate and judicious reading of high class novels, unless the reader forms the habit of going through chapter after chapter and volume after volume with the mind quiescent, as if in revery. Such reading, even of good books, becomes a vice; the reader gains neither knowledge nor power; the result is mental laziness and literary dyspepsia.

Robertson used to say: "I read hard, or not at all." I would not advise all people to always "read hard," especially literary folk who sometimes need to read lightly merely as a way of resting, but there is need for more "hard reading" than most of us do.

At his close Dr. Stanton showed the value of the Bible to the intelligent reader. As a manual of mother English, with its nervous, sinewy, impressive and dignified language, it has no equal. The eloquence of its prophets, the poetry of its psalms, the ethics of its Jesus Christ, the philosophy of its Paul, the wonders of its visions, the purposes for which it was written, place it in a class by itself. No other book in the world surpasses it for real culture. "That alone makes it worth your while to read it, even though it had no other claim upon you," he concluded.

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REVIEW OF THE WEEK IN THE LOCAL MARKETS

Sensational Advance of Sugar and Decline of Produce Were the Only Features.

The past week in the local markets has been extremely slow so far as business was concerned. Dealers along Liberty street declared it the worst week for months and practically nothing was done until last Friday. The weather had much to do with this, as it was so cold it was dangerous to ship perishable goods all the fore part of the week. Friday was the first day the temperature got high enough to permit of green goods being sent out and that day there was a tremendous rush to get everything which had been ordered during the week to the several railway stations.

The sensation of the week was the rise in the sugar market. It started a week ago last Thursday with a jump of 25 points. Saturday another 10-point advance was noted and the following Monday it made a still further advance of 15 points. The movement was a complete surprise to retail dealers. Sugar has been exceptionally strong all week and the wholesalers say there will be no fall in prices for some time to come. The demand for the Christmas trade is having no effect on the market as it is practically ended, confectioners having secured their stocks long ago. It is said to be entirely due to the fact that beet sugar this year is a failure and the refiners have to depend entirely on raw sugar, which is scarcely plentiful enough to meet the demand.

Coffee, which The Gazette has been stating, was extremely strong for the last couple of months, moved up a half cent on the pound last week. The increase was not unexpected, the only surprise being that it had not come long before. The market is very strong and a further advance may take place any time.

The flour market is weak and hesitating and may break at any moment. The only thing which has been holding it up was the advance of wheat. The weaker tone of the wheat market has had an enervating effect on flour and a decline may take place any day. The prevailing wheat prices have left dealers somewhat at sea as to what to do regarding flour. Millers have advanced prices, but the local dealers have not seen their way clear to do so as yet. Australian flour receipts in foreign countries have been heavy and the American exports are consequently very light. Export trade is generally at a standstill, the only transactions, aside from those of the bonded mills, being light sales of clear and low grades.

According to the Northwestern Miller the Minneapolis flour output last week increased 8,425 barrels. The mills turned out for the week ending December 10, 479,370 barrels, against 388,015 barrels for the corresponding week last year. The sales were not equal to the preceding week. Approximately 6,275,050 bushels less of wheat have been used by the mills this year than during the year 1903. The Minneapolis and Duluth mills have made 2,209,720 barrels less than last year and the mills outside of these towns 956,800 barrels less. This is largely due to the failure of the wheat supply and the consequent high prices, which shut off the export trade.

In the produce lines everything took a severe drop last week and business was exceedingly dull. Poultry, which, according to dealers, would reach fancy prices, slid off two or three cents a pound. Oranges, lemons, green goods of every description received a severe cut. In spite of this, business did not pick up much and there was little doing along the street all week. A rushing business is looked for this week, however, in anticipation of the Christmas season.

The receipts of fruit and produce were light all week and no heavy stocks were left on hand Saturday. The report is as follows: Apples, 47 cars; bananas, 14 cars; cabbage, 26 cars; lemons, 8 cars; oranges, 11 cars; pineapples, 1 car; potatoes, 52 cars; sweet potatoes, 9 cars; miscellaneous, 14 cars.

HAY AND GRAIN.

Receipts of hay and grain Saturday were as follows: Pennsylvania lines, 11 cars hay, 4 cars rye, 2 cars corn, 2 cars corn and oats, 4 cars oats, 1 car hay and grain, 2 cars feed; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 4 cars hay, 1 car feed; Baltimore & Ohio, 1 car hay, 2 cars oats, 1 car straw.

The hay and grain market was strong all of last week and prices improved materially on several classes of goods. Straw was particularly strong and the price is now the highest on wheat and oat straw that it has been for many months. Clover hay has strengthened up wonderfully and is now as high as best timothy. The prices of hay have risen in the face of heavy demand and there is no indication of a fall. The lower grades have all advanced and the receipts are no more than were needed to supply the demand. Ear corn has been improving in price, while the shelled article has fallen off a little because of heavy receipts. The weather has been excellent for shipments and all corn received the last week has been in good condition. The mill feed market is getting stronger and bran has moved up as a result of the heavy demands. Dealers generally were well pleased with the conditions of the past week.

No. 1 timothy	$13.25@13.50
No. 2 "	$12.00@12.50
No. 1 clov	$13.25@13.50
No. 1 mix	$12.75@13.00
Loose from wagon	$14.00@15.00
Straw, oat	$7.50@7.75
do wheat	$7.75@8.00
do rye	$12.00@12.50
No. 2 white oats	.35@35½c
No. 3 oats	.34½@34¾c
No. 4 oats	.33½@33¾c
White middlings, No. 1, ton	$23.50@24.00
No. 2 middlings	$21.25@21.75
do brown	$19.00@19.50
Bran, ton	$19.50@20.00
Wheat, No. 2 red, at mill	$1.00@1.08
New yellow shelled	.49½@50c
New high mixed	.48½@49c
New yellow ear	.54@54½c
No. 2 rye, western	.90½@91c

PRODUCE.

Potatoes, bu. store	.55@60c
Jersey sweets, kiln dried, bbl.	$3.75@4.00
do hamp'r	$1.25@1.50
do crates	$1.50@1.40
Celery, yellow Danvers, bbl	$2.50@2.75
do bu	$1.10@1.15
Spanish, per crate	$1.75@1.85
Carrots, bbl	$1.50@1.75
do hamp'r	$1.00@1.00
Parsnips, bbl.	$1.50@1.75
Cucumbers, Boston, doz.	$1.75@2.00
Cabbage, domestic, bbl.	.75c@$1.00
do con	$11.00@12.00
do Savoy, bbl.	$1.00@1.25
do German seed, ton	$14.00@15.00
do bbl.	$1.00@1.25
Ohio celery	.20@30c
do Cal.	.90@65c
Brussels sprouts, quart	.12½@15c
Spinach, do bu	.50@75c
Honey, new	.15@18c
Extra fancy	.17c
do Miller's, 12 sec.	.18½c
Beets, bbls	$1.50@1.75
Popcorn, lb.	.4@5c
Eggplant, Florida, crates	$3.00@3.50
Squash, marrow, bbl	$1.00@1.25
do Hubbard, bbl.	$1.25@1.50
Rutabagas	$1.15@1.25
Peppers, bu.	.90c@$1.00
Mushrooms, per lb.	.35@40c
Cauliflower, Cal. crates	$2.25@2.50
Garlic, lb.	.7@8c
Cranberries, per crate	$1.75@2.25
Horseradish, bbl.	$5.00@8.00
Turnips, bu.	.50@60c
do bbl.	$1.50@1.75
Watercress, doz.	.45@50c
Lettuce, basket	.25c

FRUITS.

Lemons, Messinas	$3.00@3.25
Oranges, Florida	$2.25@2.75
Navel	$2.75@3.25
Cocoanuts, bags	$3.50@4.00
do doz.	.60@75c
Figs, cartons	.15@18c
do layers	.8@12c
do washed, stuffed, doz	$2.25
Dates, stuffed	.18c
Bananas 1st	$1.50@2.00
do 2nds	$1.00@1.50
Pineapples, crate	$3.00@3.50
Tangerines, Fla. box	$3.50
do ½ box	$1.75
Malaga grapes	$5.00@6.00
do Catawba, 4-lb	.10@11c
Grape fruit	$3.50@4.00
Apples, fancy, Kings, bbl	$2.75@3.00
do Baldwin	$2.25@2.50
do Palmados (Col.), box	$2.25
do other varieties	$2.25@2.50
Choice	$1.25@1.50
Limes, per 100	.75c@$1.00
Pears, Keifers, Ohio and N. Y., bbls	$2.00@2.50
do Cal. box	$3.00

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Flour, Fancy spg. patent, quarters, in paper	$6.30@6.35
Fancy winter patent	$5.85@6.05
Straight win	$5.45@5.60
Rye	$4.50@4.55
Graham	$4.65@4.75
Cornmeal, bbl.	$3.25@3.40
do 10-lb cotton bags	.16½@17c
Buckwheat	$3.00@3.25
Rolled oats, bbl	$4.25
do keg	$2.40
Roasted Coffee, Rio	.14@14½c
Santos	.23@24c
Maracaibo	.15½@16c
Peaberry	.18@15½c
Golden Rio	.15½@16c
Caracas	.20@20½c
Standard, pkgs.	.13.55c
High grade	.18½@19½c
Molasses, fancy refined	.35@36c
do choice	.31@34c
do open kettle syrup	.37@39c
Fancy syrup	.28@30c
Maple sugar, gal	$1.06
Sug. and cane	.24@25c
Prime	.24@26c
½-lb cans, doz	$1.40
1-lb cans, doz	$1.10
5-lb cans, doz	$1.85
10-lb cans, doz	$3.40
Maple, gal	.75c@$1.00
Oatmeal, bbl	$5.25
do kegs	$2.75
Sugar, sta. gran	5.25c
do bars	5.85c
do 2-lb carton	6.05c
do 5-lb bags	6.05c
do pow'd	6.00c
do cut loaf	6.05c
do cubes	6.15c
do coff. A	5.15@5.75c
do No. 1 yellow	5.75c
do No. 2 yellow	5.45c
do No. 3 yellow	5.40c
Beans, Navy, choice H. P.	$1.90@1.95
Red kidney	$3.25@3.30
Cal. lima, lb	5½@6½c
Peas, dried, bu.	$1.25@1.35
do split, lb.	4½@5c
bu.	$2.00@2.10
do marrowfat, bu	$2.00@2.10
Oil, carbon, 110 deg.	11½c
do headlight	12½c
do water white	13c
do Ohio W. W. 150 deg.	12½c
do Elaine	16c
do special brands	.26@43c
Rice, ex-fancy head, lb	.6@6½c
do fancy Japan	.4@4¼c
do choice, Carolina	.5¼@5½c
Salt, No. 1 bbl	$1.10
do No. 1 extra	$1.20
do gran. rock	.85c
do pocket	$1.35@1.45
do dairy	$1.50
Lentils, fancy "G. O." lb	.5@5½c
Sauerkraut, 40-gal. cask	$5.00
do 10-gal. keg	$2.00

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Live hens	.10@12c
do roosters	.6@7c
do turkeys	.15@17c
do spring chickens	.10@12c
do geese	.11@12c
do ducks	.13@14c
Dressed hens	.14@15c
do roosters	.10@11c
do turkeys	.20@22c
do spring chickens	.15@16c
do Long Island ducklings	.20c
do ducks	.16@17c
do capons	.18@20c
Squab, doz	$4.00
do No. 2	$3.75
Ducks, ruddy	$1.25
do red head	$1.75@3.00
do canvas back	$2.75@3.00
Impt. golden plover, doz.	$3.50
do black plover	$4.50
do grouse	$2.50
do partridges	$2.25
English pheasants, per pair	$3.25
Reed birds, doz	$1.25
Snappers, per lb	.9@10c
Rabbits, pair	.35@40c
Woodchuck	.40@50c
Suckling pigs, lb	.10@12c
Pigeons, doz	.90c@$1.00

PROVISIONS.

Hams, 18 lbs and up	.9½c
Over 14 to 18 lbs	.9½c
Over 10 to 14 lbs	.10c
10 lbs and under	.10½c
Skinned	.10½c
Boneless boiled	.17c
California	.7½c
Shoulders, N. Y., cut	.8½c
do skinned	.9c
Ribs, 8 to 10 lbs	.11c
do 10 to 12 lbs	.10c
do back strips	.10c
do clears, 8 to 10 lbs	.11½c
do 10 to 12 lbs	.10½c
Breakfast bacon, back strips	.10½c
Dry salt sides, extra short clears	.8½c
Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs	.8½c
do 16 to 20 lbs	.8½c
do under 16 lbs	.8½c
Dry salt smoked sides, extra short clears	.9½c
Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs	.9½c
do 16 to 20 lbs	.9½c
do under 16 lbs	.9½c
Lard, pure, tierces	.7@7½c

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Ohio cream	.25@26c
Dairy	.21@22c
Renovated butter	.20@22c
Cheese, N. Y., full crm., new	.13½@14c
do Ohio crm	.13@13½c
do ¾ cream, new	.11@11½c
do Wis. Swiss, tubs	.15@15½c
do block	.14@14½c
do imported	.27@27½c
do Limberger, new	.13½@14c
do 5-lb brk	.15@15½c
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do wreaths, doz.	$1.25@1.50
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do crate	$1.00@1.25
Christmas trees, bundle	$1.00@1.25
Immortelles, doz.	$3.00@3.50
Magnolia wreaths, doz.	$1.25@1.50
Laurel wreaths, doz.	$1.25@1.50
do yard	.40@5c
Mistletoe, lb	.20@25c
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Optimism Prevails Among Business Interests as to the Industrials, Being Shown to a Marked Degree in High Financial Quarters.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—"Who's afraid?" was the attitude assumed by professional Wall street in the closing days of the week concerning the attacks upon the speculative stock market by the Boston harbinger of disaster. No doubt the continued flux of words, the iteration and reiteration of evils impending, which did not materialize, gives some assurance that the influence of the prophet is waning. This is the theme set forth in varied form by the multitude of individuals who advertise the "good things" in the market, to the extent of pages in the Sunday newspapers.

It is a pitiful exhibition which the speculative security market has made of itself in recent days—getting into shivers and spasms and tumbling into a heap over a mere horror picture. A child affrighted by the sudden, upspringing of an ugly jumping-jack is the best comparison that can be made. Whether the speculative game has suffered more from its traducers or its defenders is a mooted question. However viewed, the whole performance has been a most undignified affair. The lessons it teaches should prove salutary to small and inexperienced operators. Again they have learned the lesson that high prices are not permanent prices and that the speculative market is an unstable affair, in which the promise of great gain carries with it the possibility of an equally great compensating loss.

If as a result of the week's developments the markets had quieted down to any pronounced degree, giving a needed opportunity for a careful consideration of underlying conditions and future prospects, something of benefit would unquestionably have resulted from the violent collapses. It may be of some benefit even now in the sober and substantial bond and investment division of the market. That the disturbances did have some adverse influence on the bond and investment business is generally admitted. Moreover, this is evidenced by the curtailment by $9,000,000 par value in bond sales last week as compared with the immediately preceding interval. But this contraction was only natural and by no means a serious matter. It is possible that the disquietude created by the crash in speculative stocks will serve to direct the attention of investors to the safer securities, where chances of loss are minimized and in most instances entirely eliminated.

But despite the recurrent breaks in the stock market, the close following on the heels of one "psychological moment to sell," of another equally "psychological" and more disastrous, the Wall street disposition appears inclined to start the whole thing over again. Unquestionably optimism prevails among business interests as to the industrials. This is shown to a marked degree in high financial quarters, and naturally finds reflection among many professional traders and pool and clique operators. It will undoubtedly occur to the minds of everyone who weighs the problem carefully that the improved business conditions were noted months ago, and were as patent at the time of the "psychological moments" as they were immediately preceding or are now. In other words, technical market conditions entirely disassociated from fundamental considerations rendered the market vulnerable and brought prices down with a crash.

Wall street will not be permitted to forget that business is improving, but whether it gets a wholly distorted view of the extent of that improvement in some directions is another question. Ever since the industrial trusts were formed and admitted to dealings on the exchange, a new element has entered the industrial world, and particularly in reference to its sources of news.

As individual concerns, managed by men devoted to the upbuilding of their own business, less was heard of orders of this and that article or commodity than at present. Capitalized as industrial trusts, with shares to be moved up and down in the market, it is not surprising that news becomes more abundant and diversified, or that on occasions it becomes intensely optimistic or the reverse. It is well to hold optimistic opinions when they are warranted by conditions, but it is well to recollect at the present time that prices of securities, which, even after recent declines, are still at a level prevailing before the country experienced any industrial contraction, have discounted much intervening improvement.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(Special Cable.)—Owing principally to the drop in Americans, which took place before the winding up of the account began, this week's settlement was looked forward to with no little trepidation. In fact, reports were current that serious difficulties would arise, as there was a very heavy account in Yankee rails, but happily these forebodings were not borne out and the settlement was concluded satisfactorily.

Rumors of the assassination of T. W. Lawson reached London on Thursday and assisted in the recovering of the market somewhat, but not so effectively as the buying orders subsequently received from New York. Lawson's circularizing tactics had, on the previous day, caused prices to fall off after opening higher than on Tuesday's close. Lawson, by the way, has not been earning popularity in London. On the stock exchange here his bear attacks are considered to have been a strong contributing influence in unsettling the markets generally. With the tumbling prices in America other departments of Capel Court were affected, and, although several sections speedily shook themselves free, it was felt that but for Mr. Lawson the conditions generally might have been much more satisfactory than they are.

In the Oil Fields.

Interest in the lower southwest developments during the past week centered almost entirely in the new 30-foot development, west of Mannington, Marion county, W. Va. The fact that several new wells were due to get the sand early in the week kept those interested in that section on the qui vive and it was not until Thursday that the result of the new ventures was fully determined. Of the three wells completed but one came up to the expected size in production, making the general result somewhat of a disappointment.

The first well to get the sand was the Trees & Immedium No. 2 on the J. L. Holden farm, located a short distance in advance of developments to the north. When drilled into the pay it started to flow at the rate of 13 barrels an hour and at the end of eight hours was drilled a little deeper and its production increased to 60 barrels an hour. This was its highest hourly gauge and it did not maintain that speed for any considerable number of hours, in order that it be kept flowing with any strength it had to be agitated. At the close of the week it had dropped to 13 barrels an hour, placing it on even terms with No. 1 on the same farm, which is now more than two weeks old.

About the same time that No. 2 Holden was drilled into the sand the Delmar Oil Company got the producing formation at its Nos. 2 and 5 on the J. L. and J. Hays farm. Both wells are located on the west side of developments and No. 2 came in at the rate of about 100 barrels a day. No. 5, located 700 feet northeast of No. 1 and 500 feet northeast of No. 2, is a disappointment. It was confidently expected that this location would bring a large producer, but when drilled through the sand it showed very little oil and the hole filled up only 600 feet with fluid. At the end of the second day, or at the close of the week, it had filled up 1,500 feet and the best that can be expected of it is a 15 or 20-barrel pumper. Despite the fact that it is light it leaves the development without a duster to its credit.

The future of the pool is still in doubt, both as to production and its probable area. So far the wells completed are closely grouped and show very little of what may be expected from the outlying territory. It is quite probable that the daily production will not go higher than it was two weeks ago when the Holden No. 1 and the No. 2 on the C. S. Fitzer farm were drilled through the sand.

Before the close of the present week there should be four or five more wells get the sand. The first is the South Penn Oil Company's rather important test on the Baker heirs' farm, located south of the developments.

In the Pine Grove extension, Wetzel county, the Criswell Oil Company made a good strike when it drilled in its second test on the Jackson farm and got a producer that had an initial production of 200 barrels a day from the Gordon. Two other wells were drilled into the sand in this district, but at the close of the week neither had found the pay.

Neither the Littleton nor Smithfield district furnished anything out of the ordinary. There is a fair showing of work under way in both districts, but it is located inside of defined limits. On Richwood run, a part of the Smithfield district, there are some important test wells nearing the sand.

The Folsom district, Wetzel and Harrison counties, the most active development during the first half of the year, has fallen out of the running and did not complete a single well during the week. Over in the Wallace district some new work is starting and it looks promising for some good producers. The Long Run Oil and Gas Company's test on the Edmon D. Orr farm, which came in two weeks ago at the rate of 150 barrels a day, has been responsible for starting new work in that locality. It has been a very creditable producer and is still producing 75 barrels a day.

The Salem district, Harrison county, is another that has suffered a loss in new work and has little prospects for a revival. The late completions have been small pumpers or dusters. In the Kinchlow Creek district, lying in Harrison and Lewis counties, there is an increase in new work. This is a fifth sand district and expensive to operate.

In the shallow sand districts, Tyler, Wood, Ritchie and Pleasants counties, very few wells were completed during the week. The old pools have been pretty thoroughly drilled over and success has not attended the efforts to make new discoveries. In the Wick development, Tyler county, there is some activity, but it is confined to the interior development of the pool.

The Yellow Creek and Rowells Run developments in Calhoun county are still the most active of the shallow sand districts. It is thought that the first named has now been very near or quite defined. The best well completed during the week was the South Penn Oil Company's No. 7 on the H. I. Jackson farm. It had an initial production of 100 barrels. The No. 6 on this farm was shot last Tuesday and its production increased to 270 barrels the ensuing 24 hours. Up to this time the Jackson farm has produced more oil than any other in the district.

In the Rowells Run district there is some work starting in advance of developments. During the week the Federal Oil Company drilled its test on the McConnahy farm, located at the mouth of Big Root creek, on the Little Kanawha river, through the Berea grit and found a little show of oil, but not enough to make a paying producer. When it was drilled through the Cow Run a light show of oil was encountered and it may be tested in that formation. In this district the Carter Oil Company got a Big Lime producer that is estimated to be good for 40 barrels a day. The oil is very dark in color and of heavy gravity.

The Southeastern Ohio operators had a dull week. Fewer wells were completed than has been the rule and none had any particular significance. In the Rays Run district, Washington county, there is some new work starting in advance of developments. For some time the average size of the new wells has been better than in any other district on that side of the river.

In the shallow sand districts in this, Morgan and Noble counties, there are about the usual number of wells drilling, but with very few exceptions all were light or dry.

Producers and operators had an unpleasant surprise on last Friday morning when new quotations were posted. Producers of oil of the Pennsylvania grade were greeted with a 5-cent reduction, which made the price $1 55. Ohio and Indiana credit balances were reduced 3 cents, making North Lima $1 01 and South Lima and Indiana 99c.

To the uninformed the occasion for the cut at this time was beyond their guessing powers. There is nothing in the field or statistical situation to cause a retrograde movement. Nothing in the fields under development has a bearish influence. In fact, nearly all of the wells completed during the month, with the exception of one district, have been light. Then in other districts operations have been almost entirely suspended on account of the drought.

In the opinion of some from now forward the Kansas and Indian territory fields will have to be regarded a factor as a competitor in supplying the demand for crude.

Shipments and Runs.

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 16..	62,979	December 15...	79,667
Previously ...	1,156,633	Previously	962,881
Total	1,210,612	Total	1,042,548
Daily avg.....	75,663	Daily avg.....	69,503

LIMA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 16..	68,191	December 15...	64,194
Previously ...	882,749	Previously	798,425
Total	950,940	Total	862,619
Daily avg.....	59,474	Daily avg.....	57,509

NEW YORK WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

Statement of the Associated Banks of the City of New York, from reports to the New York clearing house, as required under section 16 of the Constitution, for week ended Saturday, December 17, 1904:

BANKS.	Loans.	Specie.	Legals.	Deposits.	Circulation.
Bank of N. Y., Nat. Bkg. Assn.	$17,819,000	$2,587,000	$1,762,000	$16,750,000	$1,077,000
Manhattan Company	27,690,000	6,149,000	2,293,000	32,686,000	.....
Merchants National	13,477,700	2,812,500	1,324,700	16,462,400	.....
Mechanics National	21,029,000	3,285,000	1,970,000	21,211,000	536,400
Bank of America	22,494,800	4,735,400	2,134,100	26,059,800	.....
Phoenix National	3,021,000	731,000	222,600	2,822,000	49,400
National City	163,649,400	35,832,900	8,124,400	159,027,700	6,142,000
Chemical National	27,327,000	5,635,700	1,175,100	27,235,100	.....
Merchants Exch. National	5,788,100	1,274,000	581,400	6,521,200	230,000
Gallatin National	8,050,000	1,186,600	357,700	6,917,700	982,600
Nat. Butchers and Drovers	2,018,000	513,600	93,300	2,743,100	45,000
Mechanics and Traders	4,893,000	754,000	669,000	5,642,000	.....
Greenwich Bank	2,889,900	550,400	369,500	2,905,100	.....
American Exchange National	28,252,800	4,147,900	1,713,300	21,178,300	4,935,800
National Bank of Commerce	149,889,000	21,453,200	12,337,700	134,703,500	11,190,200
Mercantile National	23,058,500	3,500,900	1,258,800	16,519,800	2,158,600
Pacific	3,371,800	424,500	502,200	4,339,900	.....
Chatham National	6,246,900	615,500	364,700	6,328,800	49,100
Peoples	2,022,200	527,000	361,000	2,851,000	.....
Nat. Bank of North America	15,906,000	2,032,000	1,854,000	14,360,000	816,000
Hanover National	47,356,300	13,236,300	3,844,600	55,673,500	50,000
Irving National Bank	6,908,000	1,253,000	362,100	6,413,000	244,800
Citizens Central Nat. Bank	17,706,500	4,337,800	1,319,100	21,763,900	1,558,800
Nassau Bank	2,759,400	649,200	593,300	3,633,000	.....
Market and Fulton National	6,801,400	1,272,900	727,500	6,349,100	38,000
National Shoe and Leather	6,969,000	2,113,200	423,500	8,755,300	98,600
Corn Exchange Bank	27,843,000	4,782,000	3,575,000	33,700,000	.....
Oriental	7,536,300	1,305,400	449,700	7,747,100	.....
Importers & Traders National	24,555,000	4,163,000	1,422,000	21,895,000	48,400
National Park Bank	67,189,000	15,289,000	5,562,000	77,453,000	2,971,300
East River National Bank	1,088,200	448,700	186,300	1,671,900	48,900
Fourth National Bank	20,304,500	3,509,100	2,192,100	22,827,100	50,000
Second National Bank	9,222,000	1,115,000	1,703,000	10,465,000	271,000
First National Bank	101,334,900	22,244,700	2,465,900	97,281,000	6,266,400
New York National Exchange	7,876,700	1,459,700	436,000	7,311,000	616,200
Bowery Bank	3,373,000	433,000	369,000	3,846,000	.....
New York County National	4,367,900	1,129,100	565,000	5,712,700	50,000
German-American	3,901,700	870,800	250,600	4,016,000	.....
Chase National	45,590,600	13,329,400	1,963,100	55,000,100	50,000
Fifth Avenue	9,699,500	2,483,600	273,300	10,722,900	.....
German Exchange Bank	2,481,400	225,600	875,000	4,048,500	.....
Germania Bank	2,787,700	440,800	742,600	5,441,600	.....
Lincoln National Bank	13,158,700	1,391,500	1,731,700	13,911,800	296,900
Garfield National Bank	7,494,800	1,764,700	312,200	7,884,900	42,000
Fifth National Bank	2,594,400	518,200	160,900	2,776,000	241,100
Bank of Metropolis	8,681,800	2,107,500	626,600	10,543,500	.....
West Side	3,783,000	691,000	337,000	4,147,000	.....
Seaboard National	15,899,000	3,359,000	1,573,000	18,614,000	125,000
First National Bank, Brooklyn	4,247,000	529,000	778,000	4,576,000	75,000
Liberty National	11,284,800	2,379,300	249,000	9,938,800	974,400
New York Produce Exchange	5,297,000	1,133,400	421,400	5,801,200	.....
New Amsterdam National	6,977,200	1,286,200	347,000	6,939,300	100,000
Astor National Bank	4,705,000	853,000	228,000	4,889,000	350,000
Totals	$1,060,057,700	$211,142,600	$77,433,400	$1,066,117,800	$42,780,500

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ATCHISON IN NINE YEARS

Year. June 30	Gross Earnings.	Ex. to Engs.	Net Earnings.	Net Income.	Int. on Bonds.	Other Deduct.	Bal. for Divs.	Divs. on Pref.	Bal. for Com.	Divs. on Com.	Adj. and Improve.	Surplus.
1896	13,500,235	60.13	2,700,509	2,767,174	2,291,150	334,304	141,720	.....	141,720	.....	.....	141,720
1897	20,621,230	79.13	6,330,509	6,645,008	4,608,858	583,704	1,452,446	.....	1,452,446	.....	70,961	1,441,507
1898	29,214,090	76.32	9,287,641	9,469,668	6,532,528	587,096	2,350,045	.....	2,350,045	.....	10,626	2,339,419
1899	40,513,489	71.75	11,446,167	11,695,602	9,295,812	265,833	2,134,157	1% 1,141,857	992,500	.....	520,654	471,846
1900	46,232,478	62.37	17,166,977	17,435,758	7,345,166	349,327	9,735,265	2½% 3,189,557	6,599,748	.....	1,019,621	5,580,127
1901	54,474,823	62.31	20,530,542	20,865,699	7,830,811	557,750	12,474,520	5% 1,529,333	10,945,187	1½% 1,529,333	2,148,386	3,088,120
1902	59,135,086	60.29	23,482,164	24,623,023	8,438,985	819,510	15,564,528	5% 5,708,690	9,855,838	4% 4,078,220	2,832,942	2,944,676
1903	62,350,397	64.47	22,155,166	23,473,169	9,134,485	440,344	13,898,329	5% 5,708,690	8,189,639	4% 4,078,220	3,285,176	826,244
1904	68,171,200	64.75	24,053,031	25,281,806	8,418,770	503,265	15,359,771	5% 5,708,690	9,651,081	4% 4,078,220	3,239,518	2,333,342

Turkey would have been divided long ago had the powers of Europe been able to agree upon a division of the spoils. So with **ATCHISON.** Ere this the great railroad powers would have consumed Atchison, but, each fearing the other, kept his holdings in a strong box and increased his interest, as did every competitor. The great railroad magnates see the value of the road. They know that, as Pennsylvania was the keystone of the colonial states, so **ATCHISON IS THE KEYSTONE OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD SITUATION.** That the millionaire railroad kings know the worth of the road and the stock is well shown by their holdings. There are 2,160,000 shares of preferred and common stock, and an authority says that 1,550,000 shares of **ATCHISON** are indirectly controlled as follows:

Pennsylvania Railroad	**400,000**
Rock Island Railroad	**350,000**
St. Paul Railroad	**250,000**
Union Pacific Railroad	**300,000**
Missouri Pacific Railroad	**250,000**

These figures show what the Rockefellers, the Goulds, Harriman, Morgan, Moore and other financial kings think of the road and its stock. If **ATCHISON** is good for the king, is it not good for the subject?

The dividend on Baltimore & Ohio is going to be increased from four to five per cent a year. The common stock is earning about eight per cent. **ATCHISON** is earning nearly 10 per cent. It should be paying more than four per cent.

EVERY ARGUMENT IS IN FAVOR OF AN ADVANCE IN ATCHISON. It is not at a high enough level for its worth. It has not had its proportionate advance. Again figures tell the tale:

	DIVIDEND	HIGH IN MAY	CLOSE SAT	GAIN
ATCHISON	**4 p. c.**	**72**	**85**	**13**
Chesepeake & Ohio	1 p. c.	30	48	18
Norfolk & Western	3 p. c.	50	78	28
Reading preferred	4 p. c.	79	89	10
Southern Pacific	0	47	62	15
Union Pacific	4 p. c.	85	110	25
Baltimore & Ohio	4 p. c.	79	100	21
Average				18 4-7

This shows ATCHISON'S gain to be 13 per cent, while the average advance of the seven stocks is 18 4-7 per cent.

President Stickney says: "From 1897 to 1904 **ATCHISON'S STOCK** account has **INCREASED 19 PER CENT.** In the same period **NET EARNINGS INCREASED 250 PER CENT** and **GROSS EARNINGS INCREASED 122 PER CENT.**"

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DEMOCRATS WILL ADOPT NEW RULES

Unterrified of Allegheny Preparing for Fusion With Wyman Administration in Spring.

TORRANCE TO GET PARTY'S AID

A semblance of that order necessary to the proper management of an organization is to be adopted by the Democratic party of Allegheny, if the object of a meeting called for tonight is attained. City Chairman Henry Meyer has issued a call for the committee on rules to meet in the city assessor's office. The purpose is to devise a set of rules that in the future will govern the party on the North Side. Secretary Robert Beck of the city committee promises the gathering tonight will be harmonious and that the rules already prepared by Chairman James P. Wall of the rules committee will be adopted with, perhaps, a few minor amendments.

This is regarded as a mark of advancement in the Democratic party, as heretofore the absence of any rules has left the party absolutely in the hands of the executive committee of 15, appointed by the city chairman. Some time prior to the recordership fight in 1902 a card bearing seven rules, defining the powers of the city committee and the ward committees, was issued, and although their legality was questioned, the courts held them to be legal.

Hopes to Defeat Hock.

It is intimated by some North Side Democrats that the immediate adoption of a set of party rules is prompted by the hope Mayor Wyman has of defeating Select Councilman John Hock for re-election in the Thirteenth ward. The administration has taken up the fight against Hock and has placed Common Councilman Justus Schroedel in the field. Hock is a Democrat and was elected on that ticket six years ago. His opponent until recently was a Republican, but was elected two years ago on the Citizens ticket. As the Thirteenth is a Democratic ward Schroedel had no hope of being sent to select council on anything but a Democratic ticket. Several weeks before the national election Schroedel was given a place on the Democratic city committee and, according to his own statement, he voted the Democratic national ticket in November.

Since Schroedel failed to get the Democratic indorsement at the meeting held in the Thirteenth ward school house Thursday night, the administration scents defeat. Hock controls the ward committee and the ward chairman, John Lolink, is one of Hock's lieutenants. Under the rules the ward chairmen have the power of setting the dates for ward meeting, and of naming the temporary chairman in ward conventions.

McKay Is for Torrance.

Realizing that Schroedel has a desperate fight on his hands and that the advantage Hock has in controlling the ward committee will probably result in Hock's receiving the Democratic indorsement, the administration, it is reported, intends to have the new rules so written that the power of fixing dates for ward conventions and ward primaries shall be vested in the city chairman. The latter, Henry Meyer, is an administration man and will be a candidate for re-election to common council in the Second ward.

There is a possibility there will be a warm debate over the adoption of such a rule, as James McKay, the real Democratic leader on the North Side, is a friend of Hock. McKay represents James A. Clark, the chairman of the Pittsburgh Democratic committee, and in this role commands considerable influence that is recognized by the administration.

McKay has served notice on the administration that he will support Francis J. Torrance for re-election in the Second ward select councilmanic fight. McKay is chairman of the ward committee and will secure the Democratic indorsement for Torrance, whose opponent is William A. Ford. The latter is one of Wyman's closest friends.

Hopes of Democracy.

No doubt remains now that the Democrats of Allegheny will fuse with the Wyman administration in the spring election. Wyman controls most of the Democratic leaders in the 15 wards and has promised to give payroll support to certain Democratic candidates for councils. James P. Wall of the Eleventh ward is the leader of the minority party in the lower end of the city. Wall is a candidate for re-election to common council.

The Democrats have at present a vision of a new man in the controller's office. The party in past years has consistently fought Controller James Brown. There seems no doubt now that S. L. Dunlap, chief clerk to Director Scandrett, will be the man chosen by the administration to oppose Brown, and that he will be supported by the Democrats.

KOMMERS AND A KNEIPE BY TECHNICAL SOCIETY

Program Is More Than Usually Explicit and It Indicates Great Doings.

The Technical society of Pittsburgh has sent out cards bidding members and others to appear at the annual Christmas entertainment, which is designated in the official program as a "Kommers," also a "kneipe," the latter, in this case, meaning a bite and a sup and then a few.

At 8 p. m. Wednesday evening the doings will begin at the Hotel Lamont, Spahr and Alder streets, East End. That there will be "doings" is abundantly plain from the program, which is more than ordinarily explicit, although printed in German.

It will not rob the event of any of the anticipated pleasure by saying that it is highly probable that "a good time will be had." President C. Mercader of the society will solemnly and formally open the session and, in the terms of the printed prospectus, there will be a song rendered by the entire assemblage. This song may be without title, for the latter is not given, or it is possible that it will be chosen at the last moment, and it is likely that in some cases it will be a song without words and with a few lost chords intertwined.

A gentleman who figures on the program as "Fuchs" Henius will next render a piano solo "with two hands." It is not stated whether Mr. Henius at times employs other portions of his anatomy in such renditions. After another "Kommers-gesang," Prof. Currey, "out of Detroit," as the program declares, will make an address on "Dradium," which may also be spelled "Radium" in this instance. All the above is official and therefore in the nature of a privileged communication. A Honolulu duet, in which both performers will attempt to sing at the same time, is carded next, with the names of foxes Huehn and Kusehach attached. Dr. C. Buttner will follow with a cornet solo, which, in the enlightening language of the program, will be blown.

A few more numbers and then comes No. 12, at which the assemblage will get down to business, and at No. 13 there will be another outburst of melody, but singers are warned to sing mellow rather than bellow. The warning is attached owing to the significant number. Upon the announcement of No. 15 the constituent foxes of the society "will be heard from." At No. 17 all who are still able are commanded to join in the melody.

The conclusion of the celebration is at an hour not marked on any clocks, but in the words of the program, "when we are ready."

WORKMEN HAD GIGANTIC TASK IN MOVING VAULT

Massive Manganese Strong Box of Colonial Trust Company Handled With Delicacy and Speed.

By the unabated effort of a large force of men from 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon until 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the 250-ton manganese steel vault of the Colonial Trust Company was moved from its former position in the old Fourth avenue building, 35 feet into the new extension in Diamond street, which the company has erected in the rear of its old establishment.

The vault, which contains all the currency and papers necessary to conduct the business of the trust company, will be opened as usual at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and in order that this can be done the workmen will have returned before that hour and erected a temporary flooring.

The feat of moving the vault was one of the most difficult ever undertaken in this city, because of the fineness of the mechanism of the time locks and the absolute requisite that the vault be set plumb. The hope had not been entertained that the massive vault could be moved in such short order. It was first raised from its foundation and moved back 50 feet in a straight line and then moved 15 feet toward Wood street, where it was let down on skids lying over the new foundation upon which it is to rest. The skids will be removed piecemeal today. It required 16,000 feet of heavy timber and a number of 45-ton jacks to complete the task, which will cost in the neighborhood of $2,000.

Before the vault could be disturbed a complex network of electric wires which surrounded it were removed by electricians in the employ of the Holmes Electric Protective Company, and as communication for protective purposes was cut off during the moving operation, a corps of watchmen have been guarding the vault day and night and will continue to do so until it is again firmly placed and connected.

PROVERB HUNT THE NEW GAME

Letter Writers Ask About the Novel Pastime Now in Vogue Among Entertainers.

HUSBAND FILES COMPLAINT

Enthusiastic proverb solvers throughout the large territory in which The Gazette enjoys circulation were eager readers yesterday morning of the announcement of the successful competitors for the prizes which were enlarged at the final moment to 215, representing $1,119 68, while fully as much interest was centered on the publication of the correct list of answers. Many contestants were agreeably surprised to find themselves among the winners, while the unanimous public expression, previously made, that the educational features of the contest were appreciated leaves the substantial conclusion that very few, if any, were disappointed. It is evident from communications received in every mail that practically all of the contestants recognized the self-rewarding advantages of the contest and those who did not share in the money distribution have, no doubt, ere this, found that sterling proverb: "If you don't succeed the first time, try, try, again." To these the contest now under way not only affords additional educational advantages, but offers increased monetary incentives in the provision for distributing $1,800 among the 225 nearest correct.

Since the committee on award has been able to relax from its almost superhuman effort in deciding upon the prize winners in the short time in which it conscientiously accomplished the task, the manager of the proverb contest has made much headway in the mass of mail which has accumulated upon his desk during the closing days of the contest. As almost every contest included a letter either of appreciation, congratulation or querical nature with his or her answers, these letters accumulated so fast that some have not been carefully read as yet.

One letter from a Liberty street commission man brought to light yesterday morning, accuses the manager of the proverb contest of being a home wrecker. This is a serious charge and really bears investigation. The writer makes his complaint in a humorous vein, but our proverb book teaches us that "many a true word is said in jest." He states when he arrives home in the evening his wife and children are wading through proverb books, while one of the illustrations from The Gazette is pinned on the wall before them. After he prepares his own meal he finds them still at it. When he gets up in the middle of the night to see if the water pipes are frozen he finds the midnight oil burning with a debate on as to a correct solution. He hurries to the office in disgust, only to find his clerks gathered about a copy of The Gazette discussing possibilities of solution. He claims to be preparing a suit for alienating his wife's and family's affections.

Many letters indicate that heads of households have offered considerations to members of their family who were nearest correct at arriving at solutions and make these awards in accord with the correct list of answers as published. A Sixth street merchant writes that he contributed a $10 gold piece for the members of his family to combat over, one daughter a school teacher and two others high school pupils.

One letter that calls for a suggestion that has been asked for repeatedly is the following:

PITTSBURGH, PA., Dec. 13, 1904.
Manager Proverb Contest,
The Pittsburgh Gazette:

Dear Sir—Could you not give us an idea as to how to conduct a proverb hunt. Among my circle of friends are many who have taken so much interest in your contests that we often gather to solve your illustrations, but would like to know some method to hold regular meetings. By making a suggestion you would gratify many of your readers.

Yours for more contests,
MISS E. F. R.

Probably the most successful method of conducting a proverb hunt, which is now a form of amusement chosen in many quarters in preference to the antiquated "progressive euchre" and other less beneficial pastimes, is conducted along the following lines: The host or hostess secures for the guests a number of proverb books such as can now be produced in nearly all sections of the city or by reference to book advertisements. Having such books in hand the host prepares a list of proverbs, the size of the list being fixed at the discretion of the host. Slips of paper bearing a word picture of each of the selected proverbs are then passed among the contestants. These word pictures are similar to the instructions The Gazette artist receives in preparing his illustrations. For instance, for this morning's picture the following description was given: "Baby in baby carriage; policeman stooping over and kissing baby; nurse says: 'If I were not here he wouldn't kiss the kid.' Coon saying 'Grafter.'"

After the hostess has distributed such picture descriptions she may announce from what portions of the book the correct proverbs were taken, such as "pages 1 to 30," or so on. Such guides would tend to make the competition easier or harder according to the ideas of the host. A time limit is often placed in which to solve each proverb or a time limit for solving all the proverbs.

At the close one member of the party is elected to read the answers. Here is where the amusement is boundless. While the game of proverb hunt is both an amusement and an education it has proven a most successful house party entertainment. As a rule the host provides prizes for the most successful while a "booby" or "consolation" prize is often difficult of award. Much depends upon the inclination of the host whether or not these proverb hunt parties are to be arduous contests and the arrangement is generally made in consideration of the class of guests to be entertained. Players are usually allowed to write as many answers to their picture descriptions as the time limit affords and the host by previous preparation for the guests allows ample time to prepare the description list with care and consideration. From an educational standpoint and as a new, novel and captivating entertainment the proverb hunt party is destined to become one of the fixtures of social diversion.

May Appeal to Civic Federation.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Dec. 18.—The textile council voted today to submit an arbitration proposition for the settlement of the strike in the cotton mills to the individual unions, and in case of their approval, by a vote on Tuesday, to ask the Civic Federation to choose a board of arbitration.

VARIOUS INGREDIENTS WHICH MADE GREAT PAPER

Carefully Prepared News, Features and Pictures Increased Sunday Gazette's Popularity.

The Chadwick case, the North sea incident, the war in the east, the multitudinous affairs happening throughout the United States, and the matters of interest hereabouts, made a combination which resulted in interesting newspapers yesterday morning. The securing the details of all of these happenings, the manner in which they were laid before its readers, served to still further increase the ever-growing popularity of The Sunday Gazette. Add to the news matter the many special articles, culled by the paper's own staff from right under the noses of those which make up the paper's clientele, supply a few feature articles from the pens of the best known writers of the day, and throw in the pictorial section with its contingent of side-splitters, and one has a sauce for Sunday consumption to which few improving flavors could be added.

For the time being there has been a cessation of hostilities between the opposing armies of the mikado and the czar. A merciful appeal comes from Gen. Stoessel, the commandant at Port Arthur, who asked the Japanese general Nogi, to cease firing on the Red Cross hospitals. The action of the Russian admiral in firing on the English fishing fleet in the North sea is to have its first official investigation this week, when the foreign commissioners constituting the court of inquiry will begin delving into the details in Paris.

While most of the facts in the celebrated Chadwick case have, it is thought, been already laid bare, the woman still occupies a place of prominence in the eyes of the reading people. In Cleveland on Saturday, when arraigned in the federal courts, she pleaded not guilty and refused to ask that bail be fixed. She was taken back to jail. Banker Beckwith and Spear of Oberlin also pleaded not guilty and furnished increased bail. Nine lives were sacrificed by the burning of the steamer Glen Island off the Connecticut coast. The vote of four more Denver precincts were thrown out by the supreme court of Colorado. The United States Steel Corporation cannot make sufficient pig iron to supply the demands on it. The charges of bribery made by a Chicago alderman against his fellows recoil on his own head. By the explosion of a gas stove in a Brooklyn residence three persons were killed and two others fatally injured. Newspapers are threatened by the judge hearing the Shang case if they make public the proceedings of the trial. The peace policy of this country is lauded by the Chinese minister to the United States. A high official of the Mormon church declared before the Smoot investigating committee that he would obey the mandates of his church before those of the United States government. The announcement was made that the new capitol at Harrisburg will be completed in time to house the next legislature.

Cracks on the surface of the moon, another of which has just made its appearance, were interestingly explained by Prof. John A. Deadhorse. Pittsburgh Republicans are still hunting for a candidate to oppose Larkin for controller. Despite sloppy and otherwise disagreeable weather Christmas shoppers packed the downtown streets and stores of the city. Automobiles, carriages and buildings in the East End were destroyed in an early morning fire which entailed a loss estimated at $50,000. Trustees of the Carnegie library ask for an appropriation of $105,000 for 1905. Saturday half-holiday and other concessions were refused workmen by the master plasterers. The Right Rev. Bishop Phelan of the Pittsburgh diocese is in a critical condition at St. Paul's orphan asylum, and his recovery is not expected. Director Moore of the department of public safety is to establish police station in the Twenty-second ward. Coehran Fleming is surcharged $67,318 as executor of the John Fleming estate. Louis Pfiner sentenced to serve 18 months in the workhouse for running a "fence" for burglars. The National league baseball meeting in New York during the week stirred up the "fans" hereabouts, the trades made by Manager Charles Dooley variously commented upon. Clarke believes they will have a tendency to make the Pirates stronger and faster than ever. The Pittsburgh High School seven defeated the Allegheny Prep school team 7 to 0 at Duquesne garden. The American league fielding averages show that Chesbro, the ex-Pirate, was the leading pitcher. The past week was a great one in local bowling circles, some remarkable scores being made.

New York stocks were strong until just before the end of the session, when they suddenly reacted and closed weak. Pittsburgh stocks were firm, some issues reaching the highest points of the week. New York bank loans decreased $22,000,000 for the week and the surplus reserve increased $5,181,425. Pittsburgh bank clearings increased $8,700,000 over the same week of last year. Wet weather reports from the southwest and increased receipts in the northwest weakened the wheat market.

Rabbits Are Costly.

William Speelman was fined 25 and costs yesterday on a charge of stealing a pair of rabbits from a store on Center avenue.

Arrivals at Pittsburgh Hotels.

Newell's—J. G. Wallace, Washington, Pa.; C. A. Williams, Dubois; L. B. Dill, St. Marys.

Seventh Avenue—J. F. Caffrey, Oil City; L. M. Lighty, Berlin; C. L. Coen, Canton, O.; J. W. McNutty, Washington, Pa.

Monongahela—T. B. Sheidon, Connellsville; W. R. Johnson, New Castle; B. F. Taylor, Bellevernon; J. D. Swenger, Monongahela.

Lincoln—A. Beard, Canal Dover, O.; W. D. Rider, Cambridge Springs.

Henry—L. L. Malone, Fairmont, W. Va.; W. R. Laying, Greenville; J. Ross Thompson, Erie; H. P. Sperry, Akron, O.; M. B. Curkendall, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Colonial—F. Armstrong, Wheeling, W. Va.; E. S. Lee, Coshocton, O.; J. R. Pacoverski, Punxsutawney; E. P. Williams, Latrobe.

Duquesne—B. M. Clark, Punxsutawney; A. D. Felgemaker, Erie.

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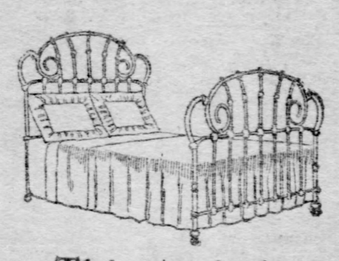
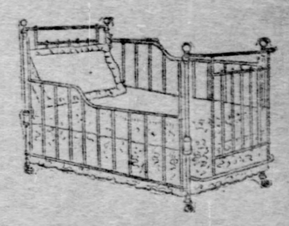


This Artistic Iron Bed $18

Either white or black; comes in two sizes—4 feet 6 inches and 3 feet 6 inches—really handsome enough for almost any room in the house. It is one of the many patterns, entirely original.

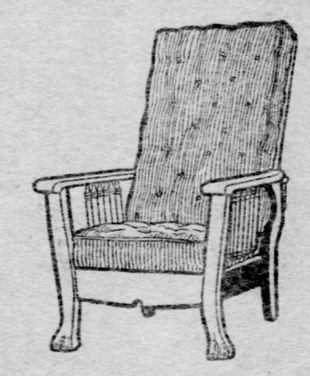
This Inlaid Mahogany Table $60

This remarkably fine mahogany table is one of the most classical styles ever designed, beautifully inlaid in colors of floral and the Florentine scroll effect. The top is round and 33½ inches in diameter. An admirable gift article.



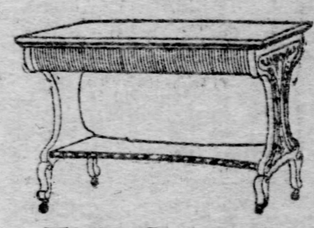
This Brass Crib Bed $22

An exclusive pattern, very pretty, very practical. The sides are so adjusted that either or both may be removed as occasion may require. When in position it is impossible for a child to get out of the bed without assistance.



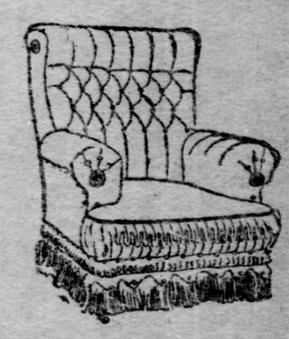
This Morris Chair $10

Is sufficiently handsome to meet almost any requirement of the well furnished library or living room. Comes in golden oak, weathered oak and mahogany finish; provided with corduroy cushions.



This Library Table $25

A pattern that pleases the discriminating. Made of golden oak or weathered oak, tastefully carved. Whether the recipient is literary or not such a table is desirable at all times because always useful.



This Turkish Leather Chair $40

The giver of this handsome Turkish leather chair would be gratefully remembered by the recipient not only on Christmas day, but every day of the year, for such chairs are a daily luxury in the home. Combining both comfort and elegance, such a gift as this is always welcome.

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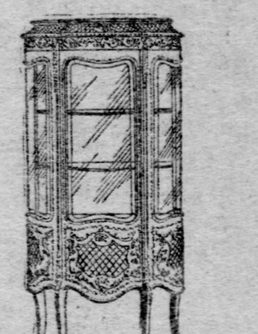

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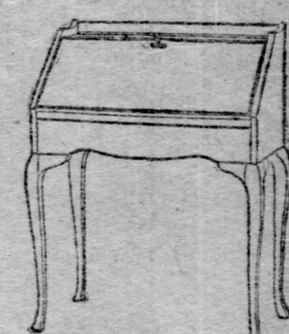

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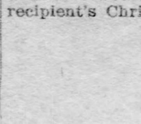

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